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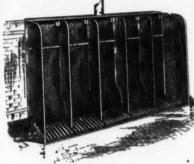
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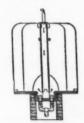
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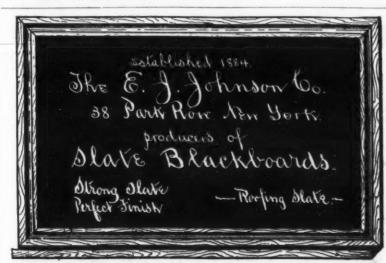
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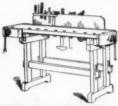
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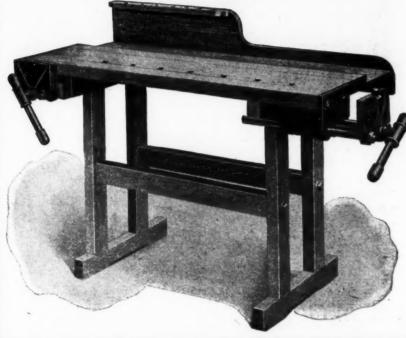
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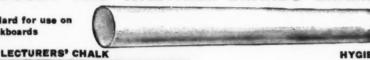
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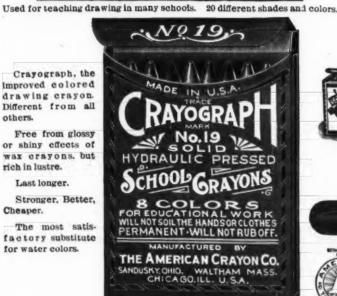
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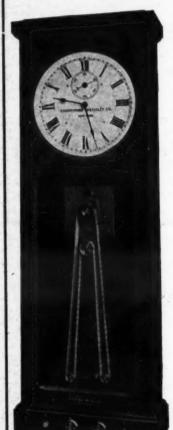
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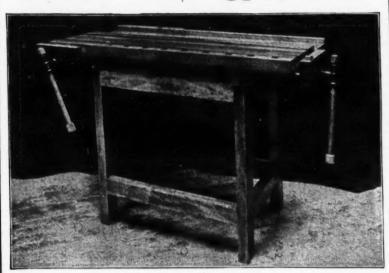
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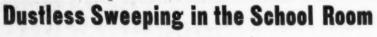
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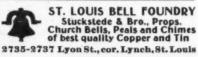
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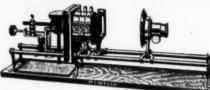
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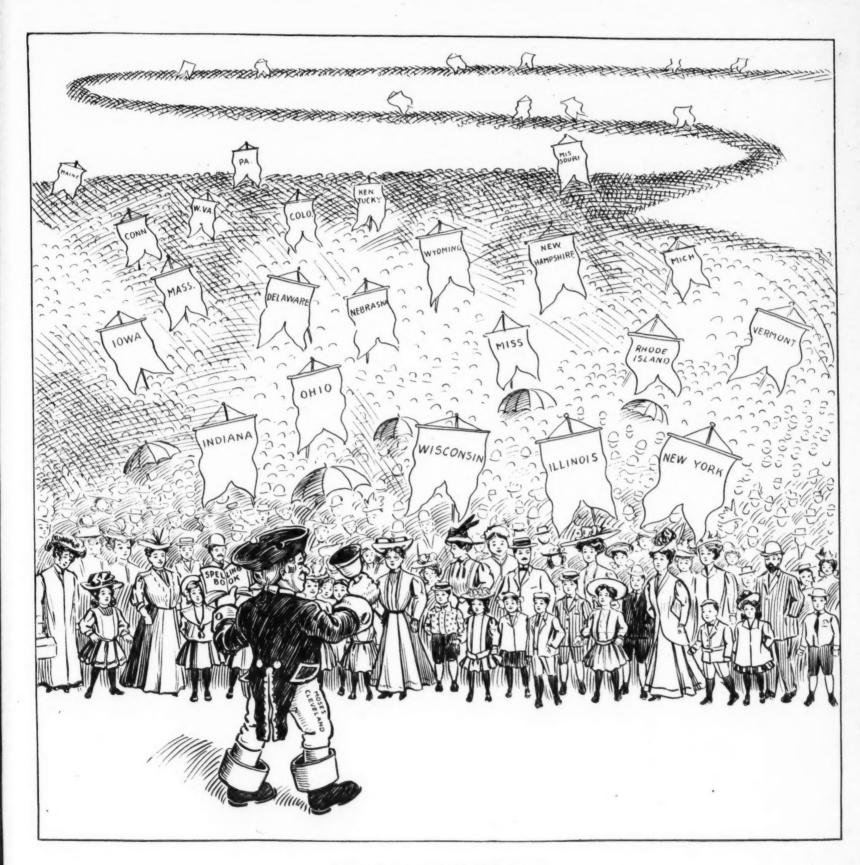
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Authority Over Pupils.

The supreme court of the state of Wisconsin has rendered an important decision strengthening the authority of the school over its pupils outside of school hours. In its opinion the court says that "the school authorities have the power to suspend pupils for an offense committed outside of school hours and not in the presence of the teacher, which has a direct and immediate tendency to influence the conduct of the pupils while in the schoolroom, to set at naught proper discipline of the school, to impair the authority of the teacher, and to bring him into ridicule and contempt. Such power is essential to the preservation of order, decency, decorum and good government within the public school."

The case originated in the publication of verses in a local paper by students of the St. Croix Falls high school. The girlish effusion, entitled "Rules of the St. Croix Jail," proved offensive to the school authorities and a demand for an apology and a small fine was made. This the girls refused, declaring they had committed no offense, as the poem had not been written during school hours. The father sued out an alternative writ of mandamus. On the trial of the case the court refused to make the writ permanent.

In concluding, the supreme court says: "The children were instrumental in causing the publication of the poem in the newspaper which supposedly found its way into the homes of many of the children attending the high school and has therefore as much influence as if written and had been posted and printed in the school and read."

Liability for Tuition.

A school furnishing instruction under contract with the parents of the pupils can recover tuition from the parents and not from the children, and where the instruction is furnished under an agreement that the school shall look to a school district for compensation, the school cannot maintain an action against the parents, but at common law neither the school nor the parents can maintain an action against a school district for tuition.—New Hampton Institution vs. Northwood School Dist. 68 A. 538 N. H.

The New Hampshire statutes of 1901, providing that a town, not maintaining a high school, which refuses to pay for the tuition of any child attending a high school or academy shall be liable therefor to the parent of the child paying the tuition or to the town furnishing the tuition, gives parents and school districts maintaining approved schools an action against school districts which refuse to pay the tuition for which they are liable, but it does not give an action to academies and approved schools as such.—New Hampton Inst. vs. Northwood School Dist. (as above).

Salary of School Clerk.

Under the statutes providing that one of the directors of a school district shall act as clerk, and prescribing the duties he shall perform, but containing no provision for his compensation, a board of school directors has no authority to vote a salary to a director appointed to act as clerk, since in the absence of legislation he took the position with its burdens, and without pay.—Clarke vs. School Dist. No. 16 (106 S. W. 677, Ark.).

Funds in the hands of a county treasurer belonging to a school district, illegally paid by the county treasurer for salary of a clerk of a

board of school directors, may be recovered back by such treasurer on discovery of his mistake. —Clarke vs. School Dist. No. 16 (as above).

Where a county treasurer having illegally paid money belonging to a school district as salary to the clerk of a board of school directors, reimbursed the fund from his individual property, the school district, though not a necessary party to a suit to recover the amount so paid from the clerk of the board, was not an improper party; it being entitled to sue for the county treasurer's benefit.—Clarke vs. School Dist. No. 16 (as above).

Where a county treasurer illegally paid money belonging to a school district in his hands to a member of the board of school directors for salary as clerk of the board, limitations began to run against the right of such county treasurer and the school district to recover the money so paid from the date of the payment, and barred such right of recovery after three years.—Clarke vs. School Dist. No. 16 (as above).

Election of Superintendent.

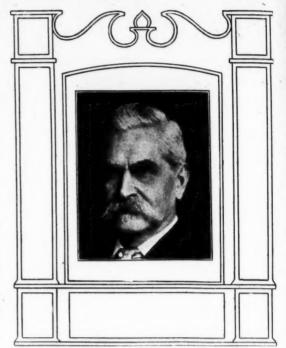
The revised statutes of Ohio require that, upon a motion to adopt a resolution by a board of education to employ a school superintendent, "the clerk of the board shall call publicly the roll of all the members composing the board, and enter on the record required to be kept the names of those voting, 'Aye,' and the names of those voting, 'No.'" The minutes of a meeting of a board of education at which a resolution was offered to employ a superintendent of schools for the following year showed that the resolution was passed, "all voting 'Aye,'" but did not recite the names of those voting "Aye." Held, that the minutes of the meeting did not show that the resolution was lawfully adopted.—Beck vs. Board of Education of Rocky River Village School Dist., 29 Ohio Cir. Ct. R. 717, judgment affirmed, 81 N. E. 1180, Ohio.

The sureties on the bond of a clerk of a board of education are not liable for his appropriation of moneys that have come to him while such clerk, but the collection of which legally devolved upon the treasurer of the board.— (1904) State vs. Cottle, 29 Ohio Cir. Ct. R. 32, judgment affirmed. Same vs. Griffith (1906), 77 N. E. 686, 74 Ohio St. 80, Ohio.

Section 126 of the school law provides that "in new school districts the first election of directors may be on Saturday, notice being given by the township treasurer as for the election of trustees;" and this section was first adopted as a part of the school law in 1872. Section 88 provides that "when the trustees of the schools shall organize a new district, as hereinbefore provided for, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of trustees if no appeal is taken to the county superintendent to order within fifteen days after action of the trustees an election to be held at some convenient time and place within the boundaries of such newly organized district for the election of three school directors, notice being given by the township treasurer," and it was first adopted in 1881. In 1889 the entire school law was revised, and both section 88 and section 126 were incorporated into one act. Held, that the election of school directors of a newly organized district held on Monday is illegal and void, as the "convenient time" on which an election may be ordered by the board is limited to "any Saturday."-Peterson vs. People, 129 Ill. App. Ill. App. 1906.

LEGAL.

After twenty years of litigation the supreme court of Illinois has settled the "Alton separate schools case" in favor of the negro complainants. The suit began twenty years ago when the school board of Alton established schools



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for negroes and a colored citizen, Scott Bibb, refused to send his children to them. The fight has been going on since. Seven times the supreme court sent the case back to the Alton court with instructions to enforce the law, but every jury called either disregarded or refused to give a judgment.

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Pupils in the Chicago public schools cannot be compelled to submit to vaccination, according to a decision of the Illinois supreme court. The city ordinance under which vaccination is made obligatory is held to be illegal and without force.

The decision is a reversal of that of the lower court in the case of the parents of Louis Jenkins, which was tried before the local circuit court. Judge Mack ruled that the pupil might be excluded from the school, and the appeal was taken from his decision. The supreme court held that any regulation making it obligatory upon all pupils to be vaccinated was illegal and that no city had authority to pass such an ordinance.



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THE DISTRICT, THE TOWNSHIP AND THE COUNTY AS A UNIT FOR SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

By SUPT. CHARLES H. YOUNG, Mahaska County, Ia.

Each of the prevailing systems of school organization has its supporters. The advocates of each claim points of superiority for the plan of their choice. Those who champion the cause of the county system believe that it possesses merits which place it far in advance of any other; so with the advocates of each of the other systems.

The argument most frequently heard in favor of the district, system is that it is almost a pure democracy. It is the most democratic of our institutions, and is, by all odds, the smallest civil division of our government. Under this system each little patch of ground (usually about four square miles) with its handful of voters levies its taxes, decides on its course of study, makes its own rules and regulations, employs its teacher, pays her the agreed amount, little or much, finds fault with her. discharges her at the end of ten weeks and employs another-and through it all prides itself on its independence. It is almost supreme within itself. It is independent-independent of everybody and everything.

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In its support it is argued that the school community immediately served should have charge of its school or schools. This is urged not only as a matter of justice to the people, but also as a means of bettering the schools. This sounds well, for will not a father be more interested in the education of his child and do more to advance that education and to see that conditions are favorable for it than any outsider could possibly expect to? It would certainly seem so, but the fact that a large number of states have compulsory attendance laws is proof sufficient that it is not always true.

Indifference in Districts.

In the further support of this system some contend that it is a great mistake to educate the people of a district to rely wholly, or even mainly, upon the county at large for school maintenance. It is said that they should rather be taught to depend in a large measure upon themselves. This tends to foster a spirit of self-reliance and develops local character and pride in local undertakings and accomplishments, and tends to kindle and keep alive an absorbing interest in the schools and school affairs.

To learn the fallacy of this argument, go into the small rural independent district on school election day and see if an absorbing interest shows itself. Or, go among the patrons and see there the withering apathy which prevails, the absolute indifference to anything and everything but adverse criticism.

When it comes to a question of salaries, however, the district system seems to have a little the better of the argument, so far as my experience in Mahaska county (Iowa) is concerned. The independent districts usually pay the best salaries that obtain in the county and secure the best teachers available. A few figures will suffice to show the truthfulness of this assertion. One rural independent district in Mahaska county is paying its teacher \$60 a month; one, \$57.50; another, \$56; two, \$55; four, \$52.50; some fourteen or fifteen, \$50; several pay \$47.50; several others, \$45; while most of the rest of the independent districts pay for the fall and spring \$40, and \$45 for the winter. Only a few of the less enterprising or poorer districts pay as low as \$35 and \$40. On the other hand, of the nine school townships, only two pay as high as \$40 straight through

the year. The remaining seven pay \$35 and \$40. This certainly makes a good showing for the district system. But even this is not an unmixed good. As I shall attempt to show later, it distributes the burden of taxation very unequally.

The Township System.

The advocates of the township system claim that it has some points of superiority over the district system. First and foremost of these is that it is controlled by a single board of directors, which fact is a decided advantage. A single board is more manageable and more easily supervised than a number of boards. Besides, this board is likely to be controlled more by sound reasoning and less by sectional or family jealousies and animosities. As a result, we find fewer disputes and disturbances coming from the school townships than from the districts. The schools being freed from these little squalls are able to do more and better work.

Again, a single school board, controlling several schools, is enabled to administer them more economically than a board for each school could possibly hope to. It does this by purchasing cheaper books, furniture, fuel and other needed supplies. Buying in quantities, as it must, for all of its schools, a township board usually gets the advantage of a lower market than the single district receives.

Another advantage of the township over the district, and greater, I think, than either of the others that I have mentioned, is that it renders consolidation easier, and hence more probable. As has been suggested, this system is more economical than the district system. If, in any case, it leads to consolidation, it certainly tends to give better instruction. If it can give better instruction for less money, it certainly is to be desired.

As I shall attempt to show later, the larger the unit for the purpose of taxation, the better. Hence, for taxation the township is much to be preferred to the district, since it equalizes taxes and makes the wealthy aid in bearing the burdens of the poor.

If it has been shown that the township is superior to the district, in any of the above mentioned cases, it can easily be shown that, on the same grounds, the county is far superior to the township as a unit for school purposes.

The County System.

While the county as a unit for school organization and administration may lack some of the advantages of the district and the township, it certainly possesses others that place it in the front rank as a unit for school purposes.

In this system the county is the unit at once for organization, administration and taxation. A single county board of education composed of one or more members from each civil township, elected for a term of three years, one-third retiring each year, with the county superintendent as president, administers the affairs of all the rural schools of the county. A single secretary, elected either by the board itself or by a direct vote of the electors of the county, takes the place of the numerous petty officials bearing that name under either the district or the township system. He may be employed for full time at a reasonable salary and still cost the county less than it pays the secretaries under either of the systems. No school treasurer is needed, since the county treasurer can keep all school funds, and pay all warrants signed by the secretary and countersigned

by the president. I may add, in this connection, that I would have all warrants mailed to teachers at the end of their school months to save them the expense and the annoyance of looking up the secretary, president and treasurer.

Dispatch of Business.

Each member of the board may employ the teachers for his township, or for a designated portion of his township, if there should be more than one member for each township, at a certain designated salary fixed by the board and varying according to the grade of certificate and the length of continuous service in the given township. Other matters demanding immediate attention, and matters of minor detail. I would leave to the individual member of the board. Matters of larger importance and matters affecting the whole county, such as the erection of new buildings or the repair of old ones, the purchase of libraries and apparatus, adoption of text books, deciding on courses of study, making rules and regulations and all other matters of large importance, should be reserved for the approval of the entire board.

Attendance at any school should be conditioned on accessibility only, each pupil being allowed to attend the nearest school or the one most easily reached. There need hardly be any district lines at all, or, if any, solely for the purpose of school attendance, and of such a nature as to be easily and readily changed.

The advantages of such a system would be numerous. Buildings would be more likely to be located at the most advantageous points, or where they would serve the people to the best advantage. Supplies could be bought in large quantities and hence much cheaper than when bought by a single district, or even by a school township. Schoolhouses could be erected with more regard to heating, lighting, ventilation and sanitation in general, since a board working on so large a scale could more advantageously employ expert architects to draft plans and draw up specifications.

Apparatus, libraries, furniture and all needed supplies would be more uniform throughout the county. Instead of one school having a large amount of all the necessary and desirable supplies, and the next being entirely destitute of these, all schools would have a liberal supply of them.

Advantages for Taxation.

While these are advantages of no small moment, perhaps the greatest advantage is to be derived from making the county a unit for levying school taxes. Under this system the county board may levy taxes at a uniform rate on all the property of the county outside of cities and towns.

Under the district plan the burden of taxation rests heavily upon some individuals and some districts and lightly upon others, as indeed it does, only to a less marked degree, under the township system. A few figures from Mahaska county may suffice to show the truthfulness of this. The independent district of "Red" is paying its teacher \$450 this year. "Old Rose Hill," with nearly double the area, and more than double the wealth, pays only \$320, while "Iowa Central," with a smaller area than either, and less wealth than the latter, but blest with an abundance of young life, pays \$855. Jefferson township is under the necessity of maintaining sixteen schools and keeps up fifteen separate buildings, while Adams township, with only slightly less area and near-(Concluded on Page 23,)

Superintendents.

NEW OHIO LAW.

The so-called "small school board act" passed recently by the state legislature of Ohio became operative on June first. It affects, chiefly, cities of 50,000 population and over. Cincinnati's board of thirty-four members is practically wiped out, and the organization in Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo is changed, even though the personnel remains identical.

The essential feature of the law is the requirement that in city school districts the board of education shall consist of not less than three and not more than seven members elected at large. Cities of 50,000 population at the time of the last federal census shall have school boards consisting of not less than two nor more than seven members elected at large and of not less than two and not more than seven members elected by sub-districts. Whenever a city of 50,000 population desires to change the size of its board, then such board shall consist of not less than three and not more than seven members chosen by the electors at large. The term of members is fixed at four years, half to be chosen in each alternate, odd numbered year. Methods of changing the size of boards and fixing district boundaries are prescribed.

The most severe opposition to the law has made itself apparent in Cincinnati. The city attorney has rendered an opinion that it is unconstitutional, and suit will undoubtedly be brought to test its validity.

DETERMINING FACTORS IN THE COURSE OF STUDY.

Discussing the course of study which he is preparing to be used in the schools of Indiana, Fassett A. Cotton, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, advances the idea that the most practical course of study is the one which in the most concrete way adjusts the child to the life he is to live. The course of study is one of the chief means in the educational process. The definite determining factors in the construction of a course are: (1) The nature of the child, (2) the nature of the community in which the child lives, and (3) the nature of the world in which the child is to live.

The course of study of the future will provide a complete system of manual training through the grades and the high school. Under the heading, "The Nature of the Child," he says: "The child is physical and spiritual, and education must consider both body and soul. Grace and beauty in form, strength and health of body, skill in execution are all matters of education and must be provided for in the course of study. " " Every child must be taught to work, and in the degree in which the home neglects this part of education the school must take it up."

When this course is fully perfected, says Mr. Cotton, it will be a complete adjustment of the work of head and hand. The manual work will have passed the experimental stage, and it may be that in the future the academic and manual lines will be carried on by different teachers capable of doing their own work well, but able to relate the two lines. The element of utility will determine almost wholly the stress to be placed on the work chosen. Boys and girls are easily interested in doing things that are worth while, and work that becomes burdensome either to teacher or pupil loses its educative value.

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On the spiritual side, the nature of the child demands that the course of study shall provide for the development of the intellect, sensibilities and will. Ability to think, capacity to appreciate beauty and complete self-control are all essential to culture. Hence every course of study must be rich in natural science, language and mathematics for training to think; rich in the arts for training to appreciate beauty; rich in history and biography for training to self-control.

Nature of the Community.

Referring to the nature of the community in which the child lives as the second determining factor in the course of study, Mr. Cotton says there has been a great deal of talk about the apperceptive basis and the principle that a thing can mean no more than one can bring to it, and yet "we have gone on trying to fit a strange world down on the child." The school work must be based on what the child brings to school with him. "It is the thing about which the child knows that interests him and that becomes the best means of interpretation. The teacher must be a student of community life as well as of textbooks."

In the rural community agriculture is the dominant interest, and this fact should be made use of by the teacher. As any new truth which the child gets must be related to what he already knows, the teacher who gets to the real experience of the child is more likely to awaken a live interest.

Problems in arithmetic should be based on the actual experience of the child. For example, a problem might relate to the market price of commodities of the community, bought and sold by actual persons. In the same way, in his language study the child should write on subjects which he knows. Geography and other subjects should relate to the life of the community. The teacher should know his community thoroughly.

Respect for Industry.

But, in addition to making the work concrete, the dominant community interest, says Mr. Cotton, also serves the purpose of dignifying the work in general and by creating respect for the industry in particular. "Farm life is not attractive to the boys and girls, and they turn their eyes toward the city. The occupations of the fathers do not appeal to the sons. * * * And there is lack of respect for the calling of the father. * * thermore, there is a lack of respect for manual labor, and a belief that has somehow obtained that education can make it possible to live without work. The notion is false and vicious. The large percentage of the boys and girls will be compelled to work with the hands, and they should be made aware of this fact. It can be shown that brain and muscle can accomplish just as much on the farm as in the city, and that the chances for success are greater. It may not be the province of the public school to teach any trade or industry as such, but it is the province of the school to teach the boys and girls how to work and to put them in the path of honest living."

What Society Demands.

On the subject of "The Nature of the World in Which the Child Is to Live," the third factor in determining the course of study, Mr. Cotton makes the point that society expects every man to do his share of the work; expects him to be honest and respect the rights of others and to help the weak. Society, he says, would have manly men and womanly women, and education must furnish these. The end of every grade of school work, he declares, is to make every child all that it is possible for him to be.

"The grades are not to prepare for the high school, but for life; but that which prepares

best for life prepares best for the high school. The high school is not to prepare for college, but for life; but that which prepares best for life prepares best for college. * * * The needs of life should determine the course of study. Every boy ought to have a chance to be all that it is possible for him to be, and the school ought to prove the most potent factor in securing this chance for him. To this end the nature of each child, the present environment and the possible and probable future should be considered in all his education."

AMONG SUPERINTENDENTS.

West Virginia has four aspiring candidates for the state superintendency of schools. For the republican nomination the convention will have submitted the names of M. C. Lough, Fairmont; M. P. Shawkey, Charleston, and Thomas C. Miller, the present incumbent. The democratic candidate is I. H. Bush, Hinton. Deputy Supt. H. B. Dewey has suc-

Deputy Supt. H. B. Dewey has succeeded the late R. B. Bryan as head of the department of public instruction of the state of Washington. Mr. Dewey has been in the department two years and is well fitted to continue the work of his former chief.

Mr. John C. Bliss, of the State Educational Department, at Albany, N. Y., has been elected president of the New Platz Normal School.

At the regular meeting of the board of education of Independence, Kan., held May 4, 1908, Supt. C. S. Risdon was unanimously elected for the seventh time, and his salary increased to \$2,400 per annum.

Supt. R. A. Haight, of Alton, Ill., has been re-elected for his twenty-ninth consecutive term. It will be his thirty-fourth year of service in the Alton schools. In appreciation of his work the board increased the salary to \$2,500.

Philadelphia. A substitute staff of forty of the most competent teachers in the elementary schools has been created. At the suggestion of Supt. Brumbaugh the plan of hiring inexperienced normal graduates to act as substitutes has been discontinued. The new corps will be paid a regular salary.

Columbia, S. C. An increase of \$15 in the annual salary of each teacher in the schools has been voted by the school board.

Minnesota. That school boards are authorized to delegate the power of suspending pupils to their superintendents is the opinion of State Supt. J. W. Olsen. Under the law they may suspend a pupil for the violation of a duly prescribed rule. The duty of barring a child may be left with the superintendent.



CHARLES S. FOOS, Re-elected Superintendent of Schools for Reading, Pa.

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The Ethics of the Teacher's Profession

By Supt. George H. Kellogg.

Not long since, in an assembly of school men, the discussion turned to the privileges and duties of teachers. One of the number "Don't advanced the following as his code: smoke, don't chew, don't swear, don't dance.' I presume he might well have proposed a much longer list of don'ts had time been given him. I sincerely trust the one who uttered this schedule is not himself beset by any of these habits, but then why address this sort of advice to a company of teachers? Surely there are assemblages where this list would be of far greater utility than addressed to a class of people who are, next to the clergy, perhaps, the most free from all semblance of vice of any class that might be congregated. I can conceive of no reason for such a list. It is an insult to the profession.

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I shall pass this, however, and take up a few of the things that might be considered among teachers as professionally ethical, and yet which occur far too often. I shall intend my discussion for the real teacher, the teacher who is striving to make his work a profession, the teacher who is not in the work simply as a stepping stone to something better, and who intends to teach but two or three terms at the most; the teacher who is not supremely satisfied with any kind of license that will permit him to draw his salary without violating-the law, and who is not devoid of a conscientious reward for the manner of how such license is obtained; the teacher who sees a future in his work, and is not merely "biding his time" till Dame Fortune turns something that will relieve him of the treadmill drudgery of the These are the people who are teachers, not "keepers," and to this class alone would I address the few words of caution that may in the brief space be allotted to me.

Ethics is the science of duty or conduct. It has to do with acts, not considered from the selfish standpoint of whether they are for the gain or the loss of the individual performing them, but from the standpoint of the acts themselves. I shall take time to consider but two or three of the many duties that might be considered among teachers as strictly professional.

The true teacher never applies for coveted positions that are already filled by teachers who are acceptable to the school board and patrons. If he does, it is with the stipulation, "Should a vacancy occur," etc. All too often do we find the unprofessional trying to secure positions by any sort of means that hold forth a promise of successful installation of self to the deprivation of the holder who often is far more worthy and capable than the aspirant. Sometimes this is done by underbidding, sometimes by political plotting, and again by falsifying or attempting to work up a prejudice among pupils, patrons or board against the possessor of such position. In a very few cases we find one who is willing to debase himself to the extent of attempting to create the impression that he is the only person in the land capable of holding such position in a satisfactory manner. It is often gratifying to note that school boards soon come to know this last class and to give them their just deserts.

It should be a matter of professional ethics for teachers to stand by each other, and always speak a good word for another's work at all opportunities, vindicating his character and work whenever it is wrongfully traduced.

Another matter of professionalism in the true teacher is his sacred regard for his signature on the written contract. He never breaks his contract and his self respect, and at the

same time sets an example of gross dishonesty before his pupils, when he is offered a bribe in the shape of an increase of salary in another position. If circumstances make it seem advisable that he should change his location before the termination of his contract, he goes to the board, states his case, presents his reasons, and asks their consideration. He never insists on a termination of his contract, but asks as a special great favor that the board consider his position. If the board decide that his request cannot be granted, he goes back to work with a renewed sincere determination to do even better than before.

This same true professional teacher endeavors at all times to do his work in a manner that will inspire the boys and girls in his charge to do their very best. He never holds before his charges a list of "do's" and "don'ts," but exemplifies by his efforts the spirit of hard, honest, conscientious work. He does not intrude himself into neighborhood affairs which are entirely foreign to those of his school, but attends strictly to his school work with a zeal that makes him the choice of the whole people for the next year. He does all these and even more, and does them in a way that makes it unnecessary for his friends or even himself to "campaign" on election day in order to be sure of retaining his position for another year. He realizes when he has done his best work for a community and negotiates for new fields, relieving the school board from embarrassment of having to ask him to leave, and when he goes to his new position he profits by his experience in the old.

In conclusion, allow me to offer the words of Kant as a suitable ethical motto for the teaching profession: "Act only on that maxim whereby thou canst at the same time will that it should become a universal law."

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Peoria, Ill. A carefully studied set of rules has been adopted to govern the qualifications of teachers in the public schools. The following requirements are laid down:

Principals—Must be holders of Illinois teacher's certificate or graduates from regular four-year course in an approved college. Applicants for position of principal in grammar school must hold principal's certificate and show five years' successful teaching. Applicants for principal of high school must hold principal's certificate and five years' experience as grammar school principal or high school teacher.

High School Teachers—Must be graduates of approved university or college of the standard of University of Illinois, and have sufficient experience to instruct and manage pupils of high school age. In lieu of practical experience examination in practical and theoretical pedagogics shall be taken.

First to Eighth Grade Teachers—Must be graduates of a state normal school, Peoria public school normal course or hold life certificate from state board of education. Graduates of accredited high schools with two years' successful experience or holders of first grade county certificates who have pursued one year advanced work in approved college or normal are eligible. Two years' collegiate work considered sufficient if applicant has had one year successful experience. If inexperienced, applicant can substitute in grades.

Kindergarten Teachers—Must be graduates from twelve-grade school and approved kindergarten training school.

Supervisors—Appointments subject to examinations and qualifications required by teachers' committee and superintendent.

Those qualified to teach under the former rules will not be disqualified by the new requirements.

Chicago school engineers and janitors are forbidden the use of intoxicating liquors or drugs while on duty. The president of the board or the committee on buildings is required to suspend, pending trial, every janitor who is detected.

Grand Rapids, Mich. Teachers may be excused with full pay for absence upon deaths in their immediate families.

The Chicago board of education has passed a rule that janitors and school engineers be prohibited from using intoxicating beverages while on duty. A resolution requiring total abstinence was voted down as an interference with the personal liberty of the board's employes.

The rules of the Ohio Athletic Association, which is composed of the high schools of the state, require that every contestant furnish a physician's certificate of his fitness. A statement from the parents consenting to the pupil's entry must be presented.

McKeesport, Pa. The janitors of the public schools have been sworn in as special police, at the request of the board of education. In the past some trouble has been experienced from trespassers and the school property has not been adequately guarded.

Worcester, Mass. The school board has adopted a tentative set of rules to govern the janitors. Substitutes for janitors must be approved by the superintendent of schools; only, in cases of emergency will the employment of an unauthorized person in place of the regular janitor be permitted.

Pendleton, Ore. A new rule of the school board prohibits the employment of married women as teachers.

Findlay, O. The board of education has provided a clause in the contract with teachers by which the teachers agree not to resign after Aug. 1. Last year the board was seriously embarrassed by several resignations handed in shortly before the opening of school.

York, Pa. The school board has incorporated a section in its rules prohibiting the use of the school buildings as polling places for municipal or state elections.

San Diego, Cal. A rule has been adopted by the school board prohibiting solicitors and salesmen from working in the schools, distributing advertising matter, etc.

A recent rule of the Wichita board of education forbids athletic teams to play match games outside the city. All student activities are under the direction of the principal of the high school, subject to his approval.

The school board of El Paso, Texas, has divided its moneys into two general funds, a building and bond fund and a maintenance fund. To insure the wise use of the latter, the finance committee has recommended its apportionment into four divisions, namely:

Teachers' salary fund, from which the teachers, principals and superintendents are to be paid, this fund to be drawn for no other purpose.

The employes' fund, from which the janitors, school carpenter, treasurer, secretary and clerk are to be paid, this fund to be drawn upon for no other purpose.

The supply fund, including fuel, water, light, gas, incidental supplies, such as apparatus for the high school, globes, maps, charts, text books and insurance.

General emergency fund, to be set aside for the purpose of meeting unexpected expenses not mentioned under the foregoing heads.

Among Boards of Education

WOMEN ON SCHOOL BOARDS.

By Pauline Periwinkle.

The question of women on school boards is not a new one, but perhaps at no time in the history of the country at large has it been so widely agitated as at present, awakened, no doubt, by the palpable oversights that resulted in the Collinwood school disaster. The agitation is not due to any wish to reflect on school management by men. No one claims that men wilfully show neglect of such vital matters as the safety and health of school children, but the feeling is gaining ground that women could be of much assistance to men in looking after certain phases of school interests that have not been sufficiently stressed. A school board member is usually a man of high standing in the business life of the community, serving without pay, at a sacrifice to his own affairs, from a sense of civic duty. The commercial and financial aspects of life have cut a deep groove in his mind-some might call it a rut-but the fact is, his whole attention has been centered in attaining the standards of success in conducting his own affairs; consequently, it is to be expected that he will follow the same bent in dealing with public affairs. No doubt it has been as much a revelation to school boards -this expose of alarming conditions that menace children the country over-as to any private citizen. And it is just as much a reflection on the private citizen that these conditions exist as on the school board members. whole situation merely points to the fact that woman is as much needed in every phase of civic life that concerns childhood as she is in the home.

The idea of women school teachers is no more of an innovation now than the idea of women as public school teachers was a few generations ago. The land on which the first public school in America was built was donated by a woman, although the school itself was barred to girl children. The rudimentary education that was deemed all-sufficient for females was obtained by the "sampler" method at home. Some of these old samplers, on which the alphabet, the numerals and the names of the pupils were laboriously worked, are treasured in public museums and among private collections as evidence, not of the limited capacity of our foremothers, but of the narrow conceptions and prejudices of our forefathers.

But "the world do move." A generation or two later, and we find the public thrown into vastly more consternation over the question of permitting women to teach in the public schools than it is nowadays at the notion of women on school boards. The lengthy array of arguments, the bitter feuds, the persecutions indulged, are ludicrous in the light of experience, and to the credit of the twentieth century man it must be said that there is no revival of these tactics in opposition to women on school boards. Where opposition is manifested it is of political significance entirely, whereas the trend of public sentiment is to divorce politics from school affairs. In some big cities, where positions on the board of education have been courted as stepping stones to political preferment, opposition has occasionally developednotably in Chicago, when Jane Addams was successfully put forward by the better element. Jane Addams, like her sisterhood elsewhere,

has made good; her services on the school board have proved valuable in the highest degree.

There is no reason why woman's abilities should not prove equally as valuable on school boards as in school rooms. There are some reasons why a woman could fill certain needs that no man can supply. The majority of our teachers are women; it is unnecessary to dwell on the fact that occasions arise-are constantly arising-affecting the health, the morals, the discipline of children, that teachers could freely confide to a fellow-woman in authority, knowing that she would concentrate her time and ability and womanly experience to solving these problems. To make the budget go round, to provide the material necessities from a parsimonious appropriation, taxes the time and mental ingenuity of men; it is really almost too much to ask of the busy man of affairs that he spend more of his gratuity in school visitation and consultation.

Men as a whole are not as actively interested in school matters as are women as a whole. They vote the school tax and pay it, and feel they have done their duty. You do not find "fathers' clubs" in every ward; but that ward is a rare and a neglected one that does not have a live "mothers' club." They buy pictures and pianos, beautify the school grounds, set out trees, build walks, install rest rooms and medicine cabinets, give musical and stereopticon entertainments, and in every other way endeavor to make the school an attractive and live interest to the child and the community. They have forged that "missing link" between the school and the home, the lack of which school boards long bewailed, but never were able to supply.

Women intuitively sympathize with and understand child nature and needs. Man sees the material needs, and does his best to supply them; he plays the "good provider" in the schools just as he does at home. At the same time he and everybody else knows that not "bread alone," not even bread augmented by clothes, is sufficient. The mother heart and wisdom play a most essential part in character building, and character building is an essential part of education.

Even when it comes to making financial provision, how customary has it become for our school boards to appeal to the women to help secure the funds so much needed for school extension and betterments. Is a special tax to be levied, a new bond issue to be approved, they call on the women to create favorable public sentiment. They simply express, when they do so, their conviction that women have the needs of the children and the cause of education more at heart than men. Then why not place this powerful influence and active interest at a point in school service where the public would reap even greater benefit from it?

Certainly that home life offers the best condition for all-round development that provides both the paternal and the maternal influences. The time will come when school boards will be no more complete without women than they would be without men.

Massachusetts' Pension Law.

A law authorizing cities and towns to establish pension funds for teachers in the public schools has been enacted by the state legislature of Massachusetts. The law differs from

similar acts in other states in that it compels cities which accept its provisions to supply all the funds needed to pay the pensioners.

In substance, the law provides: "In any city or town, except the city of Boston, which accepts the provisions of this act, a pension fund shall be established for the retirement of teachers in the public schools. The fund shall be derived from such revenues as may be devoted to the purpose by the city council of a city or by direct appropriation by a town. The treasurer of a city or town shall be the custodian of the fund, and shall make annual or semi-annual payments therefrom to such persons and of such amounts as shall be certified to him by the school committee.

"The school committee of any city or town which shall accept the provisions of this act may retire from active service and place upon the pension roll any teacher of such city or town who is 60 years old or over, or is, in the judgment of said committee, incapacitated for useful service, and who has faithfully served such city or town for twenty-five years. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person under the provisions of this act shall not exceed one-half of the annual compensation received by such person at the time of such retirement, and in no case shall exceed

"Upon the petition of not less than 5 per cent. of the legal voters of any city or town this act shall be submitted, in case of a city, to the voters of such city at the next city election, and in case of a town, to the voters of such town at the next town meeting" (the form of the vote is prescribed here). The section ends: "And if a majority of the voters voting thereon at such election or meeting shall vote in the affirmative, this act shall take effect in such city or town."

Causes of Waste.

The Cincinnati Schoolmasters' Club recently discussed the contributory cause of waste of time and energy in schools. The following list was formulated as the most prominent practices which retard development and progress:

"Lack of system and order in class movements and exercises.

"Teacher's neglect to make the necessary preparations for his teaching in advance of the lesson hour

lesson hour.
"Exclusive employment of drill or mechanical methods of teaching.

"Practice of teaching problems rather than underlying principles and term relations, upon drilling on non-esentials, dwelling on unimportant elements or facts, and requiring the memorizing of ill comprehended facts, rather than rationally developing the relations of facts to facts.

"Dominating artificiality—idolatry to prescribed methods, the course of study, mechaniism of examination, marking papers, classification, grading, etc.

"Rigid, inflexible adherence to the plan of annual class promotion.

"Habitual recourse to artificial authority; i. e., authority arbitrarily enforced upon pupils from without, instead of to natural authority; i. e., authority which is rationally developed from within.

"Schoolroom monotony, lack of interest, ennui.

"Presence of defective pupils in a class with normal pupils.

"Failure to apprehend clearly the true aims of human education and their relative values.

"The necessity for overcoming, modifying, neutralizing in the schoolroom the unfavorable and antagonistic influences of the home and the street.

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The Treatment of Exceptional Children

By Principal L. M. Rockne, Mohall, N. D.

The treatment of exceptional children in the public schools is a subject of more than passing interest, not only to teachers, but to all who are interested in the great work of education. Their treatment certainly is of vital importance to the state, under whose control they eventually pass.

By exceptional children I mean not only those who are perhaps very bright and lead their class both in scholarship and general culture, but also those who are far behind the average in their work or in their general behavior. These constitute two classes-two extremes which the teacher will find in almost every school. And it should be remarked that often the bright pupils furnish a great number of cases which are reported to the principal's or superintendent's office. The dull, or, rather, the lazy, and inattentive generally receive their due share of pounding, figuratively speaking. Laziness and carelessness we have always with us. The brilliant and the slow, both, have these faults to a remarkable degree.

Why Exceptional Children?

If these exceptional children are problems, there must be causes for them. Is there anything wrong with our courses of study? Are we trying to be too idealistic, so that the pupils get dizzy in trying to follow us to the heights? Or do we lean too much toward the practical, so that the child stands aghast at the toil and trouble which lie before him? Do our school boards furnish means whereby we can interest these special pupils who are so difficult to reach by ordinary methods? We must, to be sure, follow a course of study, but we need other things besides a few books and maps. Perhaps the mere rudiments of manual training would help to gain or increase the interest of these pupils. With the solution of this question the state will receive the greatest possible benefit of the work of these young people who are to be the men and women of tomorrow.

But in the schoolroom very often bright boys and girls are held back in order to have the slower pupils catch up. Still, you say, we cannot have all the bright children in one grade. We need a few to make the work inter-Very true, but does not much depend upon the teacher's attitude toward the subject and to her pupil? Can she not create a vital interest in a task so that the child will get an inspiration which will cause him to follow?

Subject vs. Pupil.

It is a fact, I believe, that in the past too much attention has been given to grades and to the teaching of subjects, as such. Grammar, for example, is of little use unless the child masters the elementary principles and endeavors to apply them so that he speaks and writes correct English. Of course the teacher must use king's English. Example is more powerful than precept. Knowledge is of little use unless it adds to the sum total of human happiness. And no subject is worth much to the pupil if it does not help to solve life's problems. We have come to realize that a subject, however valuable, is dead until it is made alive by the resourceful teacher. The teacher must do more than hear recitations. He must be a student himself, eager to learn more and to drink deeper of the fountain of truth.

The exceptional child may then be either brilliant or slow in his ordinary daily work. The bright fellow who has not enough work to keep him busy will readily find some way of getting rid of surplus energy-by wasting his own time and disturbing the peace of others. The question arises, What shall we do with such a pupil? I know that unless you keep him employed he will develop either into a genius or a criminal. Audubon, perhaps, examined birds in his youth for the purpose of learning how they differed in structure of body and how they were able to fly from clime to clime. Benedict Arnold as a boy pinned flies to his desk just to see them struggle. Audubon became the greatest bird lover of his time. Benedict Arnold, though a brilliant man, became a traitor to his country. Both were exceptional boys and both became exceptional

The Slow Child.

Among the slow developing children there are notable examples who have reached great Grant and Wellington are said prominence. to have ranked low in class work. But, out in the busy whirl of life, they made good because they had the right stuff in them. One need not be discouraged at the apparent slow progress of the more backward pupils. If the teacher will occasionally urge these children by other means than the iron prod he will in time find his efforts repaid. If the teacher would try to measure every pupil's work by the individual's own ability, marks would be fairer and would show a truer class standing. The boy would then work as every true artist works-to please his other self. To have that kind of work the teacher must have the child's confidence. With that in your possession you find or help to develop his special interest. You can aid him in selecting the reading matter which will prove of the greatest benefit to him. In short, get on the sunny side of a boy or a man and he will respond heartily. Be his friend and he will be yours.

But can you advance the exceptionally slow child who has not much more than a passing mark? Unless you do I fear he will go down to discouragement and defeat. Perhaps he will receive the answer that the world exists only for the strong-those who are fit to survive. But let us remember that the slow and seemingly backward fellow does not always have the chance in school that he has in life. In the world's hard struggle he has opportunity to show his ability other than that of reading dry textbooks. The lockstep was considered quite proper less than twenty-five years ago; but today we reform our criminals. Let us give the child fair treatment—pass him on when he is reasonably prepared. On his upward march he will find himself and, like the chambered nautilus, "leave his outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.'

How to Reach the Child.

How to reach the exceptional child has been and is a great problem. Socrates said, "Know thyself." This principle ought to be the first for the teacher's consideration. Secondly, know the pupil. Thirdly, know the subjects you are teaching. Knowing yourself, your pupil and your subject, if you have ordinary tact, sympathy and patience you can reach almost any child. Then you can mold and fashion his character after the greatest ideals of all time.

A few examples may serve to illustrate. Not very long ago there came to my notice the case of a boy who was considered almost beyond recall. His father and mother tried to get the boy to realize his position. He received his due share of the birch, but it was all in vain. His teachers gave him up, and this did not seem to grieve him in the least. As a matter of fact, he was not a bad boy-simply mischievous. He was given a seat in the principal's room for about two weeks, and reported to his teacher for regular recitations. Nothing was said to him, but he seemed to realize that he must work. Force of environment began to play upon him, and he could not resist the influence. He went back to his own room and kept at his work, occasionally dropping back into the evil practice of killing time, as of old. Now he is doing splendid work compared to what he once did. He is a leader, and if his efforts can be rightly turned he will be a power for good in any community. This boy will be a useful citizen, because he has learned that industry is the only key to success.

The other case concerned a girl who was very headstrong and somewhat lazy. wanted to drop subject after subject during the first few months of school. Her requests were quietly put aside, and with tact she was persuaded to stay in her classes. She passed the high school examinations with fair marks. She, too, was a leader and a bright girl, though not a brilliant student. But she "made good," for she learned the lesson of work.

Work the Solution.

The only solution, after all, is to keep the pupils busy. There are so many devices that the individual teacher must find for her own room. Manual training, with all its aids, will do much to take away the tediousness which will come over the children almost every day of school. The teacher must apply all the means that lie within her power. The great majority of children who are not busied are so, not because they have not enough to do, but because they shirk. And this shirking habit, this shifting of responsibility, is the cause of so many failures in after life. The lack of initiative which we find in mature men was nurtured and allowed to grow during the plastic period of the child's life. The child is the father to the man. The boy who can do his work without being told how and what to do will never be compelled to look for a job when he becomes a man. We need men of initiative everywhere and at all times. These exceptional boys and girls must become leaders in their respective communities. The public school must make the most of its opportunity, and solve the problem of the exceptional child. It must make the child into a more useful and worthy member of society. It must stand for the development of the most valuable thing anyone can possess; namely, character. For this is the end and aim of all educational activity.

Dr. Levi Seeley, of Trenton, N. J., has been engaged to deliver a course of twenty-five lectures on school management and kindred subjects at the summer session of the Northern Arizona Normal School at Flagstaff.

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GOING IN AND GOING OUT.

The changes in the personnel of administrative factors is usually attended with some feeling and bitterness which in the end is not designed to inure to the advantage of the school system.

The new school superintendent may enjoy a prestige which was denied to the outgoing superintendent; he may carry with him the co-operation and sympathy of the board, whereas the retiring official was harassed by opposition—but all this need not necessarily lead to recrimination and revengeful rejoicing.

The fair-minded public servant will assume a correct attitude toward his predecessor in office as well as his successor. In the shifts and currents of school board activities the superintendent may find himself suddenly deprived of support. His usefulness may have come to an end without having rendered himself guilty to the charge of incompetency. Prejudice and misunderstanding may have accumulated to an extent that will make further service unbearable.

While the outgoing superintendent may lack the depth and breadth of character that will enable him to view a situation with philosophic calm, the incoming superintendent may assume an exalted estimate of his own importance. The one may feel aggrieved and resort to resentment. The other may exult over his fortune and deal in comparisons designed to exalt himself and belittle his less fortunate brother.

The character and breeding looked for in a school superintendent warrants also a correct attitude toward a co-worker during a transition period. The outgoing superintendent may be under no official obligation to assist his successor in making the new administration an efficient one, but, if ethics in a grand profession count for anything, then the retiring official will offer such service as will make the incoming official's beginning a proper one. On the other, it is incumbent upon the new superintendent to protect his predecessor against unjust attack or criticism.

The real man asserts himself when he is exposed to narrow opposition, to misrepresentation and disappointment. He will measure relative values and the fitness of things, place a good cause above the narrow deeds of men, and maintain his poise and dignity in the face of the most disturbing circumstances. He will retire as gracefully as he entered.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS PUBLIC?

Executive sessions of school boards are deservedly unpopular with public and press. The cry of "behind closed doors" leads immediately to suspicion and distrust, especially in unfriendly quarters.

Certain discussions and pending actions in school committees can do much mischief by appearing in public print. The very nature of certain questions demands secrecy on the part of public officials and silence on the part of the press. A certain temporary privacy is required to conserve public interests and prevent friction and scandal.

As a general rule the press respects the wishes of officials to withhold news until publication is authorized. It is infrequent that an editor breaks faith. Where a committee or a board, however, holds an unreasonable attitude and the harmonious relations are ruptured, the results are obvious and unpleasant.

It remains, however, that public business must be open to public gaze. The press represents the public, and is accordingly entitled to admission at places where public business is being transacted.

The rules of some school boards provide that the reports and conclusions of all committees shall be held private until submitted to the whole body. It is held that the publication of committee reports before the board meeting is an affront to that body. It is argued that the work of a committee cannot be public property until it has been officially received for action in the open board. This observance of official etiquette is somewhat finespun.

If the press asks admission, the school board should throw the doors wide open. The nature of the schools demands openness. Where admission is denied, suspicion is aroused and the board and its members suffer in the eyes of the public.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOL.

The Supreme court of Wisconsin has just made an important decision of interest to boards of education and school officials in general. In it the declaration is made that school authorities have the power to suspend pupils for offenses committed outside of school hours and not in the presence of the teacher, provided that the offenses are of such nature as to have a direct and immediate tendency to influence the conduct of other pupils in the schoolroom.

If discipline is set at naught or the authority of the teacher is impaired or he is brought into ridicule and contempt, there is justification for punishment. Without this power order, decency, decorum and good government within the school are impossible.

The case arose in the high school at St. Croix Falls. Two girls, daughters of a leading citizen, being offended at the strict discipline of the principal, wrote a poem, "Rules of St. Croix Jail," which was printed in a local paper. The faculty demanded an apology before the school as the alternative of expulsion. When the pupils declined to apologize or to pay a small fine assessed under the school rules, they were expelled. The board of education sustained the faculty action. The appeal to the courts has been decided as above indicated.

The principle involved in the decision has wide application. It has been enunciated previously, but has not been generally adopted. The limits of the schools and the parents' authority have long been indefinite, and where they clashed have caused trouble.

If it is remembered that the school stands "loco parentis" and is endowed with the authority of the state, which has been delegated by the parents, the decision is not so revolutionary as it at first appears. This relation of the school to the child is often lost sight of and is vital in difficulties such as the Wisconsin case referred to.

The decision should have a moral effect upon school boards in dealing with student abuses outside the schools. In many respects the fraternity evil presents parallels to the St. Croix case which should not be overlooked. The decision will commend itself as sound to all thoughtful school administrators.

SCHOOL BOARDS INVITED.

Every school board in the United States is invited to send delegates to the meeting of the "department of school administration" of the N. E. A. at Cleveland, June 29 to July 3. This department is made up of school board members, and is in reality, if not in name, the national association of school board members.

The program which has been arranged by President W. O. Thompson is a choice one. The topics chosen are the most vital questions now before the school boards of the country. The speakers are men of wide renown, whose names are a guarantee of able and thoughtful treatment of their respective subjects.

The program of the general sessions of the N. E. A. is printed on page 17, with railroad rates and miscellaneous information.

MR. CARR'S TROUBLES.

From reports received from Dayton, Ohio, it appears that Supt. J. W. Carr may meet the fate of his predecessors in failing of re-election. At the time we go to press the board is deadlocked after more than two hundred and fifty ballots, with no sign of weakening in sight.

Mr. Carr, previous to his election in Dayton, had won for himself a considerable reputation as a school executive of ability and tact and as a forceful, scholarly writer and speaker on educational topics. He was, and still is, a leader in the educational associations of the country.

The present trouble does not appear to be due to any failure on his part to conduct the public schools in a satisfactory manner. Dayton has been afflicted with periodic upheavals in which the superintendent was the unhappy victim. This has been due partly to certain professional factors in the schools who were ever ready to pick flaws in the executive and pedagogic policy of their chief. The other cause has been the influence of politics upon the members of the school board.

The members of the Dayton school board have it in their power at present to prove that they are not swayed by political and petty individual interests, but that the good of the school system is their chief concern.



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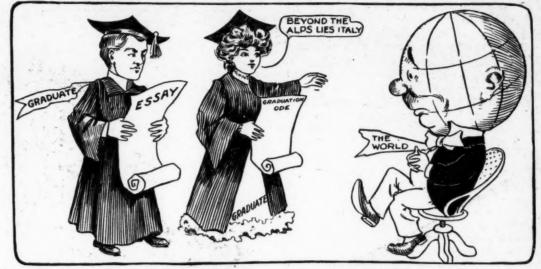
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During this month the graduate commands the attention of the world.

They can demonstrate that Dayton is not a professional "graveyard" of school superintendents. Mr. Carr deserves to be reelected.

THE SIZE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

"Students of educational matters are giving attention to the desirability of small school buildings in preference to the large grade structures maintained in most cities," writes the editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press. "They point out that disadvantages to the pupils multiply with the increased size of the schools. The danger from contagious and infectious diseases are, of course, greater in a school housing 1,000 pupils than in one furnishing accommodations for half that number. And there are schools in some cities of the country where 1,800 children are together under one roof. The peril in case of fire or panic is greater in the larger buildings than in the small ones, providing the buildings are equally well constructed. But the disadvantages of greatest consequence are those that result from mere numbers. It is argued that the children in the large schools lose the advantages of comradeship and personal attention from the teachers and that they develop the mob spirit in the great mass of children. It is pointed out that many parents hesitate to have a child become one in a mob of 1,000 or more.

"There is no doubt that the large school buildings present the advantage of economy in maintenance. The cost of heating, of janitor service and other items on the list is less for one large building than for several smaller ones to accommodate the same number of pu-

pils. But the question is whether the saving is not false economy. The advantages to be derived by the pupils at small schools more than offset the difference in cost. It is suggested that each neighborhood should have its school, which would be easy of access to all pupils. The building should be so arranged that additions may be made as the density of population in the district increases. Small schools can be erected quickly whenever need arises and thus avoid the overcrowding that results after the larger buildings fill up and while the authorities are waiting for the overflow to increase to proportions that will warrant the erection of another school.

"Those professing to know say that grading can be accomplished satisfactorily in the small buildings. They urge that four-room buildings scattered throughout the various districts of a city are much preferable to a few large buildings. The smaller schools are nearer to the homes of a majority of the children, increase the safety of the pupils, decrease the undesirable effects bound to accrue from herding together in vast numbers, and result in increased discipline. The suggestion certainly seems worthy of careful attention."

"The essential element of a good school is a good teacher, and no process of administration, no theory of education, no excellence of a school committee can form any substitute for this essential, and no reformation of a school system has any justification that does not create better teachers and produce better conditions for those teachers."—Supt. Stratton D. Brooks, Boston.

The school serves a trinity of interests. The first is, of course, the pupils, and nothing should be done which will lessen the welfare of the children who attend. The public is the second interest to which the school must indirectly serve in the guise of parent, taxpayer and society in general. The professional factors deserve consideration last; but unless the public school does them full justice, it is a failure.

MILITARY DRILL.-Its enthusiastic advocates hold that military drill in schools is refining and elevating in every point of view; that it aids in teaching the rising generation the importance of law, order and disciplineabove all, that it turns their thoughts to a closer study of American history, and fits them to defend the republic if it ever shall be in peril. Again, that it promotes the physical welfare of the student and that as an exercise it is far superior to the feeble, meaningless calisthenics that are required by some teachers, while its disciplinary benefits are excellent. It restrains nervousness and awkwardness, imparts readiness, and inculcates order, cleanliness and obedience.

Those who oppose military drill in the schools argue that the growth of the spirit of militarism in our midst is to be regretted, believing that such training to be highly detrimental to the youth of our land as tending to encourage a love of war and bloodshed, rather than the preservation of peace; that it is undemocratic and un-American in principle and dangerous to the stability of republican institutions. Felix Adler says: "Military drill simply feeds the children's vanity, gives them a desire for outward show and makes them ambitious of sham and tinsel and creates a false idea of war."



Cartoonist Webster's idea of a day in the life of a school boy who is preparing for the public school field day.

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A PLAN FORIA ONE STORY SCHOOL BUILDING.

By F. H. Liebbe, State Architect, Des Moines, Ia.

The agitation attending the Collinwood school calamity has resulted in a general demand for safer school buildings. To secure these, two general plans have been suggested—first, fireproof buildings, such as are and can easily be built in cities where ground is expensive, and second, one-story buildings not at all expensive nor fireproof, with abundant hall room and several ways of egress. It is this latter class for which I suggest the following general scheme, that can be worked out by any competent architect.

The first essential is a long, continuous corridor, connecting at the center with an assembly hall or high room, if such is wanted. Adjoining this corridor at regular intervals should be the schoolrooms for the grades, as A, B, C and D. Then at the rear, fully fifty feet away, there may be the sanitary structure containing the heating apparatus, fuel and toilet rooms, so that the air from these cannot in any possible way contaminate that of the schoolroom proper.

Such a plan will give light and air on three sides of each room and will light the wardrobes from two sides. Each room, also, will receive its light from the back and left side. Abundant exits afford ready egress from any one or all of the apartments simultaneously. The corridor only need have a basement, and its floor should be fireproof.

From this basement each room may draw its needed warmth by steam or hot water coils passed around the three exposed sides. Fresh air would enter from the outer walls during school hours through the heater coils. The vitiated air would be extracted from each room by a suction fan placed in basement of corridor. Such an arrangement would make it possible to maintain a uniform temperature and secure an inflow of pure air in unlimited quantities.

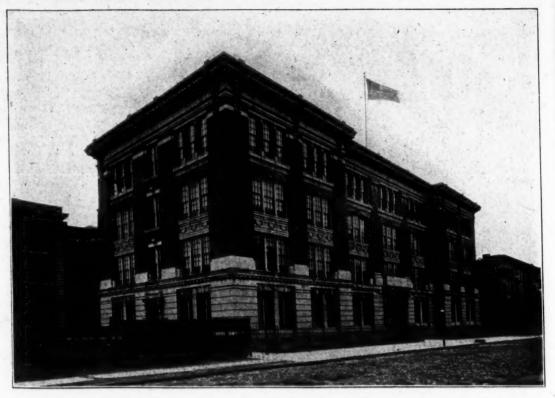
All the courts between the various buildings should be cemented, and concrete walks should extend all about the structure. In rainy weather, when the playgrounds are too wet for play, each roon would have its court, in which the children could at least get a good airing during recess. Thus, schoolrooms A, B, C and D would each have their independent courts, as at A, B, C and D.

All doors should be hung to swing outward. In such a plan the noise of one room would not interfere with its neighbor.

The plan is elastic in that after its adoption one or more of the schoolrooms, with their portion of the connecting corridor, could be built first and others added as needed.

I am, of course, aware that there will be many objections raised against this plan on account of the architectural effect, or rather non-effects, which such a scheme, with but little money for embellishments, would involve. A considerable tract of ground must be secured, half of a city block for instance. But where there is a will there is a way. There still remains plenty of open space in the suburbs of our western cities to make such a scheme not only feasible but entirely practical, and that, too, at no extravagant expenditure of money. When all the advantages are weighed it will be found not so visionary but that its adoption by some school district would demonstrate its entire practicability. On the score of safety and sanitation it would be without a peer.

I have worked out this scheme on straight lines for economic reasons. Although it is true that a much more picturesque effect could be obtained by grouping the rooms about a circular or octagonal center, the expense of construction would be fully fourfold. Nor would the essential element of light be as satisfactory as in the plan submitted.



THE NEW TEACHERS' NORMAL COLLEGE BUILDING, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY.

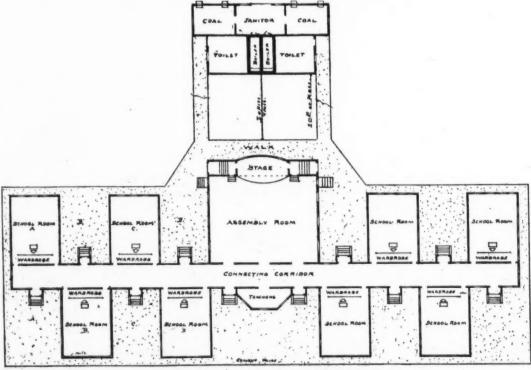
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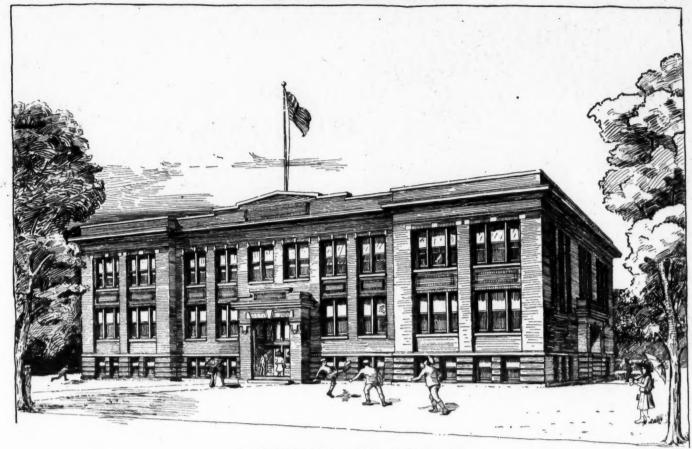
NEW GREENE STREET SCHOOL BUILDING, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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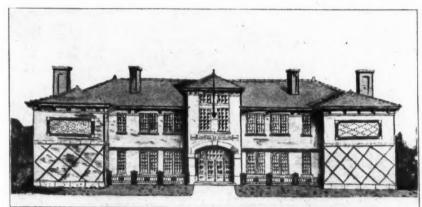


PLAN FOR A ONE-STORY BUILDING. Suggested by Mr. F. H. Liebbe, State Architect for Iowa.

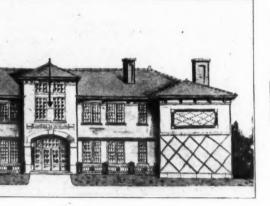


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NEW EGGLESTON SCHOOL, MADISON, IND. Elmer E. Dunlap, Architect, Indianapolis, Ind.



NEW LINCOLN SCHOOL, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. Riester & Rubach, Architects, East St. Louis, Ill.



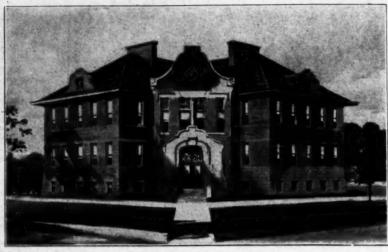
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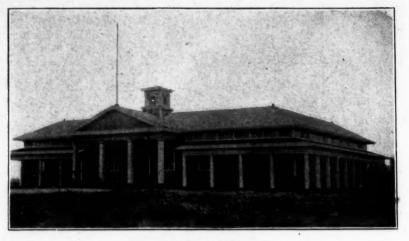
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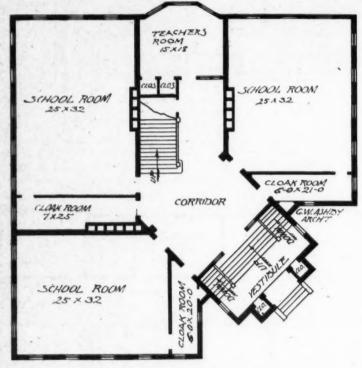
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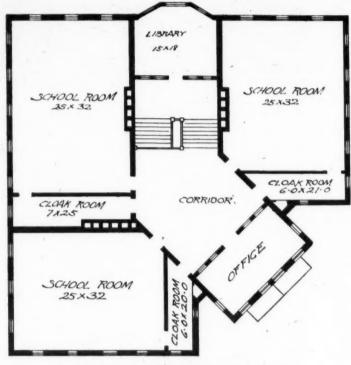
MODEL SIX ROOM SCHOOL. Geo. W. Ashby, Architect, Chicago, Ill.



HIGH SCHOOL, MALOLOS, P. I. Courtesy, Mr. O. J. Laylander.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN, SIX ROOM SCHOOL.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN, SIX ROOM SCHOOL.

SIX-ROOM SCHOOL.

The six-room school building presents a puzzling problem to the school architect. A satisfactory solution is shown in the illustrations of the six-room school on this page designed by Architect Ashby of Chicago. It is intended to occupy a corner site and has a diagonal entrance, surmounted by a mission style gable.

The building is to be constructed of stone to the sills of the first story windows. Above this a pleasing color of paving brick is to be used, terminating in a roof of red Spanish tile. The trimming is of white cut stone.

The basement extends under the entire building and is divided into furnace and fuel rooms, girls' and boys' play and toilet rooms.

Three standard classrooms are located on each floor. A wide cloakroom adjoins each classroom through which the children may march in an orderly manner when depositing or putting on their wraps. A teachers' room 15x18 feet is at the end of the first floor corridor. Directly above it on the second floor is a library.

The vestibule is unusually wide as a precaution against panies. The main door is protected from the weather. Above the vestibule, on the second floor, is the office for the principal.

Eggleston School.

The new Eggleston school building, illustrated on page 11, was designed by Architect E. E. Dunlap of Indianapolis, and was built under the direction of Supt. W. A. Jessup and the members of the Madison board of educa-

tion, Charles G. Schelke, president; Dr. George E. Denny, treasurer; Arno Schmidt, secretary.

The first floor contains six standard classrooms, an office for the principal and a rest room for the teachers. A large room is set aside for reading room and library purposes. Its proximity to the main entrance will make this room ideal for a neighborhood library branch.

A large assembly hall is the feature of the second floor. Six classrooms are grouped about it, with ample exit facilities to the two main stairways.

The basement has been carefully arranged to secure an economical installation of the Sturdevant heating and ventilating plant. At the same time the most advantageous arrangement of separate toilet rooms, manual training and domestic science rooms and playrooms has not been neglected.

The cost of the entire structure was \$45,000.

Pittsfield, Mass. A fire extinguisher and a gong have been placed on each floor of every building in the city. The extinguisher contains sufficient fluid to quench an ordinary fire, while the gongs are so arranged that they can be sounded from all floors.

CLASS ROOMS.—The classroom is the unit in school architecture just as the class is the unit for teaching purposes. Three standard sizes have been accepted for primary and grammar grade rooms: First, 22x32 feet for 40 pupils; second, 24x32 feet for 48 pupils; third, 28x32 feet for 56 pupils. Ceilings should never

be less than 12 feet, nor more than 14 feet high. The floor space should equal 15 square feet per pupil and the air space not less than 200 cubic feet.

Light should come to the pupil over the left shoulder. Windows should be square topped and extend close to the ceiling. Glass area should equal one-fifth of the floor space.

Thirty cubic feet of fresh air per minute per pupil is estimated to be the correct amount. The heating system should keep the temperature at 70 degrees Fahrenheit; 70 per cent of moisture is the correct humidity.

The floor should be of hard maple or Georgia pine, well seasoned and properly deadened. The walls should be plastered and tinted in light olive green, blue-gray or cream color. The ceilings should be white.

The doors should be wide and open outward. The desks should be single, preferably adjustable, properly varnished and durable. The rows should run the long way of the room.

Blackboards should be made of natural slate or some recognized brand of artificial blackboarding. In the primary grades they should be placed 26 inches above the floor; in intermediate grades, 30 inches; in grammar grades, 36 inches.

A teachers' closet and a bookcase should be in every classroom.

The board of education at Hammond, Ind., recently awarded the contract for the improved artificial slate blackboard to M. H. E. Beckley, Chicago.

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The Construction and Heating of Schoolhouses



Since the recent terrible disaster by fire in the Collinwood school public sentiment has been greatly aroused in favor of better, safer and more permanently constructed schoolhouses. Public schools are not built for speculative purposes, as private buildings usually are, with the expectation of sale at some future time, but are to be retained and used as long as education is needed. Hence is it not wiser and cheaper in the end that the paramount objects to be attained should be permanence, safety, convenience and comfort by the latest and most up-to-day methods?

Assuming that this proposition is conceded, would it be too much to ask of members of boards of education to give the matter the same honest and thoughtful consideration that they would give to any private enterprise with which they were connected? If they will do this, and not do as many public officials are prone to do, shift the responsibility to the shoulders of some paid employe, much better results would be secured. For in the multiplicity of counsel greater wisdom is attained.

It is well to understand that the constant demand for new school buildings to house the rapidly increasing school population already strains the tax duplicate to the utmost limit, Our boards of education are necessarily forced to practice the greatest economy of their available resources in every way possible without injury to the service. But by reason of the Collinwood death trap there has arisen an abnormal excitement in the minds of the people. Backed by proposed new laws, boards of education will be forced to largely increase their expenditures in order to respond to this sentiment and provide greater protection from fire to the buildings and to the lives of their occupants. Strictly fireproof buildings are very costly-so much so as to be almost prohibitive in the small cities and towns. The great danger to the life of the occupants can be avoided just as well by constructing semi-fireproof buildings at very much less cost.

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This kind of a building should have wide, commodious corridors, with fireproof floors at least immediately over the boiler or furnace room. All stairways should be of iron, open as much as possible beneath to avoid the possible accumulation of rubbish or other inflammable material. Marble steps should not be used, as marble is more destructible than wood if water is thrown on it when hot. Where possible there should be two exits from each classroom. The doors opening into the corridor should be solid, without transoms. Then in case of fire the rooms can be emptied quickly into the corridors. By closing the doors the occupants may take all the time necessary in passing out of the corridors into the open air and safety. The risking of life by jumping out of the windows or scrambling down crowded and unsightly fire escapes would be entirely obviated. This form of construction will cost but little if any more than providing outside fire escapes. The architectural effect of the building will not be marred. To my mind the construction will be more convenient and a

Where the steam blast system is used for heating the building, the boilers and all firing



MR. S. T. BRYCE.

apparatus can be placed in an outside power house. There is then absolutely no danger from fire except from electric wires or lighting, which is a very remote possibility.

Undoubtedly the most important branch, and the one which should receive the most consideration in the construction of school buildings, so far as safety, health and comfort is concerned, is the heating and ventilating apparatus. And in this, as in many other matters, the best is always the cheapest. We are often misled on the question of first cost and efficiency. Without stopping to investigate thoroughly, we are liable to decide against the higher priced apparatus. However, are we correct on this point? If we but stop and look around, to see what progressive cities are doing, we will find that the combined wisdom and experience of school boards consider the steam blast system as best. This is the system which is being used in the majority of large public buildings, both national and state. It is the system that is being adopted in school buildings in all progressive cities and towns of any

To install a furnace blast plant costs, as a rule, 60 per cent of the expense of installing a steam blast plant. At first glance the former would indicate quite a saving over the latter. But is this a real saving, sustained by facts, or only imaginary? A furnace blast plant necessarily includes a gasoline engine or an electric motor for driving the fan. The former will cost from \$5 to \$10 per month for operating; the latter will cost \$1 per month per horse power for each cent of the price paid per "K. W. H." for the electric current. In other words, if the price paid per "K. W. H." for the electric current is 5 cents, it means \$5 per month per horse power.

In a low pressure steam blast plant the cost of power to operate the fan is practically eliminated. The fan is driven by a low pressure steam engine, the power for which costs next to nothing, as the steam from the engine is turned back into the heating system without any loss to its heating efficiency. The steam, after performing its double mission by supplying the power to drive the engine and heat-

ing the building, is condensed and returned to the boiler, where it is turned into steam again and sent back to repeat the operation.

To the thinking mind it must be apparent that this rotating process necessarily results in a saving in fuel. Experts estimate the saving at from 20 to 30 per cent over the furnace blast system. However, a far greater saving than those mentioned is to be found in the repair bills. If we take into consideration the large quantities of castings, bolts and cement, and the pay of men employed during the summer vacation to clean, take down, repair and set up the school furnaces each year, the knowledge of its aggregate cost goes far to dispel the illusion that furnaces are cheaper than steam plants for heating school buildings.

Another important saving is in the durability of the apparatus. The life of a steam plant is practically equal to the life of the building. If it were necessary to issue bonds in order to equip the school buildings with modern steam blast apparatus it would not be an added tax upon the people, as the saving above mentioned would pay the interest on the bonds and go far toward paying the fuel bills.

If the bright business men on school boards will sharpen their pencils and do a little figuring they will come to the conclusion that the installation of a steam blast heating system is a money-saving investment for the schools.

ATHLETICS.—The athletics with which school boards are likely to be called upon to deal with are confined almost wholly to the high schools. Every high school in the country has its athletics. While these are usually directed by the faculty under the sanction of the board they are governed frequently by rules fixed wholly by the administrative heads. Some school boards strictly forbid football and other athletic sports. Where such rules exist they have been adopted as a result of some serious accidents or upon the request of the patrons of the schools. In a number of high schools where athletics are forbidden they are conducted off the school grounds and outside of the jurisdiction of the authorities.

Rules.—Where school boards sanction athletics the following rules usually prevail:

All athletics conducted in the name of the high school, are subject to the supervision of the advisory committee, consisting of the principal and his assistants. This committee has the power to veto any action or conduct that seems to it detrimental to the work of the school or injurious to its good name.

No high school student shall enter athletic contests unless he has the required standing (from 75% to 85%) in at least four studies.

Pupils may belong to athletic organizations if they present written consent of parent or guardian.

No team is allowed to play any match game with any other school located outside of the city unless accompanied by a member of the faculty.

Supt, Robert I. White, of Elgin, Ill., has been unanimously re-elected at an increased salary. He will receive \$2,500 during the coming year.



Utah Adoptions.

State Superintendent A. C. Nelson has made public the list of books selected for the public schools of Utah. The books chosen will be used during a period of five years and will cost the state approximately \$250,000. They are furnished to the pupils free of charge. Following is the list adopted, with the names of the publishers:

Arithmetic—Milne's Progressive (A. B. C.) Supplementary, Young & Jackson's, three books (Appleton).

Grammar—Reed & Kellogg's, two books (Merrill); Guide Books to English, two books (Silver-Burdett). Supplementary, Language Through Nature, Literature and Art (Rand-McNally); With Pencil and Pen (Ginn); Southworth-Stone Lessons (Sanborn).

United States History—Mace's (Rand Mc-Nally); Gordy's (Scribner's); American Leaders and Heroes (Scribner's); Whitney's Making of a State (Descret News Book Store). Supplemental, Doub's (Doub & Co.); Topical Survey of United States History (Heath); Our Country's Story (Houghton-Mifflin); Southworth's Builders of Our Country (Sanborn); Stories of Great Americans (American Book Company); American Inventions and Inventors (Silver-Burdett).

Geography—New Natural Series (American Book Co.). Supplementary, Widtsoe's Supplement to Dodge's Geography (Rand-McNally); Tarr & McMurray's, four books (Macmillan); Carpenter's Geographical Readers (American Book Co.); Home Geography for Primary Grades (Educational).

Readers-Stepping Stones to Literature (Silver-Burdett); Graded Literature Readers (Merrill); Wheeler's Readers (Wheeler & Co.); Baker & Carpenter's (Macmillan); Blodgett's (Ginn.); Eaton's (Eaton & Co.); Arnold Primer (Silver-Burdett); Holton Primer (Rand-McNally); Bender's Primer (Merrill); Aldine Primer and First Reader (Newson); Sprague Fourth Reader (Educational); Folklore Readers (Atkinson-Mentzer). Supplementary, Literary Readings (Rand-McNally); Graded Poetry (Merrill); Child Life Series (Macmillan); Silver-Burdett Series; Brooks' Readers (American Book Company); Overall Boys and Sunbonnet Babies (Rand-McNally); Story Readers, two books (World Publishing Co.); Sprague Series (Educational).

Writing—Outlook System (O. P. Barnes).

Spelling—Progressive (American Book Company); Webster's School Dictionaries.

Drawing—Augsburg System (Educational).

Music—New Educational (Ginn).

Nature Study—Cummings (American Book Company); Elementary Agriculture (Ginn). Supplementary, State Normal School Bulletins; Higgins' Science Book (American Book Company).

Physiology—Overton's (American Book Company); Krohn's (Appleton); Browne's Good Health (D. C. Heath).

Civil Government—Community and Citizen (Heath). Supplementary, Peterman's (American Book Co.); Schwin's (Lippincott).

TEXTBOOK NEWS.

Messrs. Ginn & Company have issued their annual catalogue of high school and college textbooks for 1908. The book includes announcements of new books in preparation and a complete price list.

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Berry's writing books have recently been adopted for exclusive use in all the public schools of the state of Texas. The contract will run for five years, beginning with next September. The same books are now in use, by state adoption, in Idaho and Montana.

Students of the history of education will undoubtedly be interested in the appearance of the sixth of a series of monographs on "Pioneers in Educations" which the Thos. Y. Crowell Company issued during April. This series was begun September, 1907, at which time the following five volumes appeared: Rousseau, Spencer, Pestalozzi, Herbart and Horace Mann. The series, newly translated from the French, is a careful survey of the leaders who worked in the cause of popular education.

Ainsworth & Company, Chicago, announce the early publication of a new book on American history by Prof. H. W. Caldwell, of the University of Nebraska. The book will be suited for advanced students in the high schools and for others taking special courses in history.

Helene Bohan's "Ratsmadelgeschichten," edited by Miss Emma Haevenick, of the Girls' High School, Philadelphia, is the latest addition to Heath's modern language series. Notes and a vocabulary are included for students' use.

"A History of Economics," by Rev. J. A. Dewe, professor of history in the University of Ottawa, has been issued by Benziger Brothers, New York. The work treats economics as a factor in the making of history, and is divided into three parts—the economics of the ancients, economics in medieval times, economics in modern history.

Benj. H. Sanborn & Company have published a new book by Professor F. H. Potter, of the University of Iowa. It is an elementary course in Latin, and includes the author's "Method in Caesar," issued last fall.

The Macmillan Company has issued a check list of books on political science, sociology, economics and municipal questions.

To facilitate the acquirement of good pronunciation in French and practice in conversation, Mary Stone Bruce of the French department, Newton high school, Massachusetts, is to issue this spring with D. C. Heath & Co., Lectures Faciles, a first reader for high school pupils. In the first ten or fifteen pages the silent letters and the liason are indicated. The words are also divided into syllables, aiming to correct the prevailing failure on the part of pupils beginning French to recognize that a French word in pronunciation must be divided into its syllables. Easy stories follow, provided with a complete vocabulary.

Other French text books to appear this spring with D. C. Heath & Co. are: Halevy's Un Mariage a' Armour, edited by R. L. Hawkins; Selections from Boileau, with notes by Prof. Kuhns; Selections from Diderot, with notes by Prof. Giese.

A handy catalogue of books suitable for children in the primary grades has been issued by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburg. The titles are briefly annotated and classified by grades and by subjects. A complete index of author and titles is given.

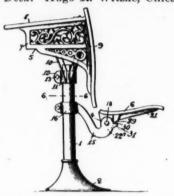
(Further Text Book News Page 21).

The public school children of St. Joseph, Mo., were recently the lucky recipients of a large consignment of fruit trees presented by the Fruit Growers' Horticulture Magazine. Supt. Whitford states that every child received from five to ten fruit trees, and considerable interest was displayed. Nearly 200,000 trees were distributed.



RECENT PATENTS.

School Desk. Hugo R. Witzke, Chicago, Ill.



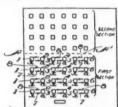
A school desk comprising a hollow cylindrical supporting standard having a substantially circular base disposed eccentric thereto, said standard having a vertical groove formed with one straight wall and an opposing wall provided with recesses at regular intervals, collars longitudinally movable on said standard, an inwardly extending projection on each of collars movable in said groove and adapted to enter said recesses to support said collars at different elevations, arms integral with the upper collar, a desk member carried thereby, arms on the lower collar, and a seat member pivotally secured to the free ends of said arms.

Map-Holder. Albert J. Nystrom, Wheaton,



In a map holder, the combination of a map cylinder thereof having a central shaft and an end disk on said shaft having equidistant inwardly facing lugs integrally formed thereon, of map frames, and means for mutual engagement between the frames and the disk, each of said frames being adapted to be engaged by the lugs on each side thereof, and to rest on said central shaft.

Schoolroom Chart. Albert E. Osborne, New York, N. Y., assignor to Underwood & Underwood, Arlington, N. J.



An educational chart for use in teaching by means of books and stereographs, said chart having thereon a section having a series of symbols representing the scholars in a class, said symbols grouped according to the number of stereographs in the lesson and provided with indicia appropriate to the several stereographs so as to graphically disclose the original distribution of the stereographs, said chart having means disclosing the groupings and the mode of exchanging stereographs between the members thereof.

Youngstown, O. Contract for school desks has been awarded to the American Seating Company, Chicago, Ill.

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HEATING AND VENTILATION.—The heating and ventilation of buildings are so intimately connected that they can not be treated separately. With a few exceptions in the extreme south, every school building in the United States needs some form of heating, and some form of ventilation. Heating and ventilation are the very heart and vitals of a building.

Methods of Heating.—There are only three methods of heating school buildings which can be considered: By hot air furnaces, by steam, and by hot water. Heating a building by stoves is out of the question, except in buildings of one to three rooms in rural districts. Where a stove is employed it is surrounded by a sheet iron jacket extending from the floor to about six inches above the stove top. A fresh air inlet is provided in the floor, under the stove, to supply air for ventilation. The chimney is arranged to contain a flue with a register near the floor line to carry off the cold and vitiated air.

Furnace Heating.—Furnaces give good results as to heating and ventilating or they may be absolute failures in either or both particulars, depending entirely on the style of furnaces and the method of installation. Upright or house furnaces can not give good results, in fact, are failures in every respect. The furnace should be horizontal and all cast iron. The flues for conveying the warm air into the rooms should be of brick and set to one side of the furnace, and of a size sufficient to supply the rooms to which they lead.

It must be remembered that in order to get air into a room some must be taken out, hence vents should be placed in several parts of the room at the floor and provision made for drawing the cold and foul air through them and out of the building. The foul air should enter the ventilating stack at the bottom and no other openings should be made into this stack or its efficiency will be destroyed. Foul and cold air are heavier than fresh air so that some method for forcing this air from the building must be provided. In all cases the ventilating stack should extend above the roof.

In buildings of eight rooms or more a fan should be introduced to force air into the building through the furnace chamber, but care must be taken that the furnace is of sufficient capacity to warm the air taken in.

To get successful results with furnaces they must be installed by firms making a specialty of schoolhouse heating and who have a reputation for that particular work.

Steam Heating.—There are three methods by which a building may be heated by steam: First, by direct radiation, by which all the heating is through the means of radiators, or coils. Such heating is as bad as a stove, and should never be tolerated for an instant, as it supplies no ventilation. Second, by direct radiation with ventilating ducts, i. e., the use of radiators or coils in the room to furnish the heat, with a system of ventilating pipes, which furnish sufficient air for the room at a temperature of 68 to 70 degrees. This is a good form of heating, and the fact that the direct radiation in the room secures an abundance of heat at all times, and a proper amount of tempered air is also furnished throughout the ventilating flues, the system is complete. The third form is where all of the heat and all of the ventilation is given from the same flue. This is called an indirect method, there being no radiators in the room. This system is used a great

deal in the middle west, and seems to be well liked by those who have used it largely. In this case there must be both tempered and hot air, so that when the room arrives at 70 degrees the air can be modified so as to keep the room at the right temperature, but at the same time not to restrict the ventilation. The system is not strong enough, however, to give sufficient heat in very cold climates.

Natural Ventilation.—Natural ventilation is ventilation caused by the heating of the air of the building, which, making it lighter, causes it to rise into the room, and from the room out at the roof. While this form of ventilation is better than none, it is very unreliable, and should never be used in a building where there are six rooms or more, and where mechanical ventilation can be afforded.

Mechanical Ventilation.—Mechanical ventilation means the forcing of air into the room by fans or blowers. It is well known that a fan or blower of a certain size, with a certain number of revolutions, will force a certain amount of air, consequently the amount of air forced into the room remains the same at all times, whatever the wind or outside temperature may be. These fans may be run by a low pressure of steam from the boilers, and the exhaust from the engine run into the pipes. By that method the cost of running the fan is almost nothing. Fans are sometimes run by electricity, gas engines or water motors.

The Amount of Air Required for Ventilation.

—By a great many experiments it has been determined that the lowest possible amount of air which should be furnished is 30 cubic feet per minute, or 1,800 cubic feet of air per hour for each occupant in the room. A less quantity than this is unhealthful, and a greater quantity is wasteful.

Temperature Regulation.—Every schoolhouse equipped with a heating system either of steam, hot water or hot air should be supplied with automatic temperature regulation. School authorities who have given the subject no attention, frequently confound temperature regulation with ventilation. The latter deals with the supply of fresh air, while the former controls the temperature and prevents the rooms in a school from becoming too hot or too cold. The advantages derived in temperature control or regulation are twofold.

First, by holding the temperature in a schoolhouse, at say 70 degrees, all waste of fuel is prevented and consequently a considerable saving is effected. Thousands of dollars have been wasted in a single schoolhouse by overheating and securing a cooler temperature by opening the windows. Every particle of excess heat which goes out of the window is an actual waste. If the outdoor temperature is 30 degrees it will require 40 degrees of heat to bring the schoolroom temperature up to 70 degrees. If, however, the outdoor temperature is 50 degrees only 20 degrees of heat are required to insure the comfort of the schoolroom. A reliable system of temperature control will furnish the exact amount of heat required and avoid all excessive consumption of fuel and consequently avoid all extravagance in this direction.

Second, by keeping the classrooms at an even temperature the health and comfort of teachers and pupils are promoted. A classroom that is too cold causes physical discomforts which may result in ill health. A classroom that is too hot is even worse. The average teacher will resort to an open window for re-

lief. The draughts from these open windows are certain to bring on coughs and colds, which only too frequently end in throat or pulmonary troubles. The cause of education is as much promoted by hygienic surroundings and physical comfort of pupils as by teachers and textbooks. Hence automatic temperature regulation is regarded by the highest authorities as a necessity.

The school authorities of Wilkesbarre, Pa., have six health rules which are printed on the inside cover of every textbook. Here they are:

1—Fresh air and sunshine are necessary to good health.

2—Night air is as good as day air, and in cities where there is much dust, better.

3—Eat little fried food, pastry, cake, candy and sugar.

4-Wash your hands before you eat.

5—Never lick your fingers when turning pages or counting money.

6—Avoid spitting, because it spreads consumption and other diseases.

The school board of Auburn, N. Y., has authorized a special committee to formulate a system of medical inspection for the public

a system of medical inspection for the public schools. The committee is to study the material supplied by the International Congress on School Hygiene, together with all available information in this country.

New Orleans, La. The school board has adopted a set of rules to govern the work of the medical inspectors, recently appointed for the public schools.

The three inspectors will be officially known as the department of hygiene, and will have a considerable range of duties. It is required that every child in every school shall be examined and its physical condition noted at least once a year, and the further provision is made for a similar examination of school teachers as to their physical condition, the inspectors being required to file reports in both cases with the superintendent of schools. Added to their duties as conservators of the children's health, the medical inspectors are required to note the sanitary conditions of the schoolrooms, whether the ventilation is effective, whether the temperature is correct, and whether all the hygienic requirements are carried out.

For Fire Protection.

The director of the Philadelphia bureau of building inspection has made a series of suggestive recommendations for improving the conditions of school buildings. He urges the board of education to see that all exit doors be made to open outwardly.

That all bolts and locks of exit doors be drawn during school sessions, and that the folds of such doors be held in place by nothing more than Pullman catches, such as are used upon passenger coaches, such catches to be attached to the top of the door. This would permit of the door being opened upon the least pressure.

That all stairways be constructed without winders; that they be made to lead as directly as possible to the street or yard.

That all hallways and stairways in non-fireproof buildings be effectually fireproofed.

That all exits to fire escapes be by means of

That all school buildings that have not at present tower escapes be provided with same, if there is sufficient room, in lieu of iron fire escapes.

That fire extinguishers be placed on all floors and in the cellars of all school buildings; and that a fire box be provided in each school, with direct connection with the fire bureau.

That all heaters and heating systems be so planned as not to come underneath stairways, hallways and exits.

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HAMMOCK JOINS HEATH.

Mr. C. S. Hammock, until recently general agent of the Prang Educational Company, has resigned to take charge of the drawing book business of D. C. Heath & Co.

Mr. Hammock is joint author of a new four-book series of drawing books, to be issued this month, under the title of "The Parallel Course Drawing Books." The books cover the various phases of drawing taken up in the public schools. The significance of the title is that the work offered on each page shows illustrations of both pencil and brush work, and that the instruction applies to the carrying out of the two courses side by side throughout the series.

In his labors Mr. C. S. Hammock has been assisted by A. G. Hammock. Both he and his co-author received a thorough art education abroad as well as at home. Mr. C. S. Hammock was for several years a school superintendent and a supervisor of drawing. His acquaintance with school people and school conditions is broad, fitting him unusually well to undertake his present work.

"KEEP EXPENSES DOWN."

The agent in the Outer Dark; the manager within

His sanct' sanctorum commenting upon the grievous sin

Of "all this independence in the agents" under him.

"I told that man," the manager said, "I put it to him straight—

I told him he must hustle—"Morning, noon, 'till evening late.

"Get teachers—teacheresses—and every vote in town—

And do the other fellows up, but Keep Expenses Down."

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You are therefore instructed, you must economize.

Of course, you know it's easy, our books speak for themselves,

They have no equals anywhere on anybody's

shelves."
"I told that agent what to say, exactly what

to do,
In every sort of circumstance,—from every
point of view."



MR. PAUL MASON, Reed City, Mich. Michigan Agent for Rand, McNally & Co.

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For instance: "With a teacher who is considered bright,—

Work in physchology and soul,—do politics at night.

The thing we want is orders—success your efforts crown.

Wire me for information and—Keep Expenses Down."

Make friends for us, and always see you have

the contracts signed, Above all else in this good work Keep your

Expense in mind.

Where'er you go, whate'er you do—remember that's the kev—

Keep Down Expense on everything—economize for Me,"

And then the manager tells a tale to those who hold the stock—

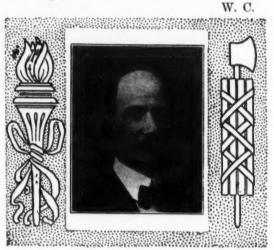
While whipping agents around the stump—or leading to the block.

The Agent does the best he can to realize success.

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That fails is not responsible. "The policy is right."



MR. D. A. FRASER, Boston, Mass.

AMONG BOOKMEN.

Mr. L. R. Hasty is the high school and college agent for Ginn & Co. in the state of Michigan. His working partner in the common school field is Mr. W. R. Andress. Mr. Hasty makes his home at Battle Creek

Mr. Wm. H. Losch represents D. C. Heath & Co. in West Virginia and central Pennsylvania. He makes his winter headquarters at Fairmount, W. Va., and his summer headquarters at Jersey Shore, Pa.

Mr. F. C. Williams, western agent of D. C. Heath & Company, made a spring trip through Colorado.

Mr. E. W. Avery has accepted the Minnesota agency for Charles Scribner's Sons. He was formerly connected with D. C. Heath & Co. in Ohio.

Mr. Charles W. Turner, formerly working in the west from the Chicago office of Silver, Burdett & Company, is now connected with the Philadelphia general agency of the firm.

Mr. George M. Cake has been assistant treasurer of Silver, Burdett & Company during the past seventeen years. He manages the Philadelphia general agency.

Mr. J. F. Organ has represented Houghton, Mifflin & Co. in Indiana and Illinois since June, 1907. He resigned the principalship of the Vincennes high school at that time to take his present position. Mr. Organ resides at Vincennes.

The Wisconsin territory of the Educational Publishing Company is covered by Mr. F. L. Manasse.



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Mr. C. W. Taber is the western representative of G. & C. Merriam Company in Chicago. He takes the place of the late Major Cheney. His offices are located in the Republic building.

Mr. Paul P. Mason is the Michigan representative of Rand, McNally & Co. He resides at Reed City, where he was for five years superintendent of schools.

Homer Merriam Dead.

Mr. Homer Merriam, for many years president of the G. & C. Merriam Company, died on May 25 in Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Merriam was 95 years of age.

Lawrence, Kan. The board has directed the superintendent and the principal of the high school to exact from every student a statement whether he or she belongs to a fraternity, sorority or secret society of any kind.

Grand Rapids, Mich. An experiment of supplying free text books has been discontinued.

Caps and gowns are to be used by the graduating class of the Englewood high school, Chicago.

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THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION

By MILLICIENT OLMSTED.

Three unique events which mark the fortysixth annual convention of the National Education Association this summer at Cleveland will be the national spelling contest, the play festival and the great outdoor evening reception.

The national spelling contest, which has attracted widespread and favorable comment, will be held on Monday morning, June 29, at the Hippodrome, being the first event in the splendid educational program prepared for the convention. Warren E. Hicks, assistant superintendent of the Cleveland schools, is chairman of the committee on arrangements. A number of the large cities are making plans to send pupils for the contest, the children being chosen in groups of fifteen from the eight grades. They will be tested in both oral and written work, and conditions will be made as just as possible in every detail. It is probable that judges will be appointed from among the officers of the N. E. A.

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On Friday afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock, the charming play festival, in which 4,000 of the children of the public schools will take part, will be held in Rockefeller Park, which forms a great natural amphitheater capable of accommodating 40,000 or 50,000 spectators. exercises, which will be under the direction of George W. Ehler, supervisor of physical training of the Cleveland schools, will consist of a series of rhythmical folk games adapted to the daily exercises of the children, such as is used in their everyday work, typical playground sports of both boys and girls, closing with the exercises of a short field day. The services of both the children and teachers are given voluntarily to this beautiful outdoor play festival, as summer vacation will have already been two weeks on its way. Children of the first to the eighth grades will participate.

The outdoor evening reception to the guests of the N. E. A. convention will probably be the largest affair of the kind ever given. It will be held on Wednesday evening, July 1, at University Circle, on the campus of Western Reserve University and Case School of Applied Science, in Wade Park, and as far as the College for Women of the Western Reserve University. The natural beauty of this vicinity will be heightened by appropriate decorations and thousands of lights, while the little lake in the park will be gay with a flotilla of illuminated boats. Two famous military bands, one of which will be Liberati's, and the large orchestra organized for convention week, will be stationed at various places in the grounds, and add greatly to the enjoyment of the affair. The college halls will also be open to receive guests that evening, and the reception committee will consist of several hundred representative men and women prominent in the educational, scientific, municipal, business and social life of Cleveland.

One other attraction of the evening will be the performance on the campus of Western Reserve University by the Ben Greet players of one of Shakespeare's plays, out under the sky and trees, correctly staged and set in Elizabethan manner.

Since the railroad rates have been so satisfactorily settled almost universally throughout the country at a fare and a half for the round trip, and the extension of tickets for N. E. A. visitors made to September 1, the estimated number of attendants at the convention this summer, June 29 to July 3, at Cleveland, has jumped from 40,000, for which number the local committee was making ample preparations, to between 50,000 and 60,000.

The hospitality of the city is rising generously to the demand for accommodations in the private homes of a large percentage of this host, and visitors will find comfortable places for their stay upon registration with the national secretary at the new Federal Building, where the bureaus of registration, accommodation, inquiry and baggage will be located.

Program of General Sessions.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 29.

Address of Welcome—Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland; Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of Chamber of Commerce.

Response—Dr. W. O. Thompson, president Ohio State University.

Address—Representing National Council, to be supplied.

Report of Educational Progress for the Year—President Charles F. Thwing, Western Reserve University.

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 29.

Annual Address of the President—E. G. Cooley, Chicago.

School Training for Vocations—Claudesley S. H. Brereton, London, England.

Adaptation of the Public School to Industrial Ends—Commissioner Andrew S. Draper, Albany, N. Y.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 30.

Agassiz as a Teacher—David Starr Jordan, Stanford, Cal.

The Personal Touch in Teaching—Dean Andrew F. West, Princeton, N. J.

Personal Power of the Teacher in Public School Work—Supt. William H. Maxwell, New York.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 1.

Reconciliation of Cross Purposes in Education of Women—Sarah L. Arnold, Boston.

The School and the Immigrant Child-Miss Jane Addams, Chicago.

The School and the Practice of Ethics—Miss Ella F. Young, Chicago.

FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 3.

The Function of Education in a Democracy—Superintendent M. G. Brumbaugh, Philadelphia.







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Speakers at the General Sessions, Cleveland Convention, N. E. A.

Negro Education and the Nation-Booker T. Washington, Tuskogee.

The Rein and Spur—President J. C. Willis, Louisville.

Closing exercises of the convention.

RAILROAD RATES.

The railway lines of the Central Passenger Association and of the Trunk Line Passenger Association have authorized a round trip rate of one and one-half fare from all points in their respective territories outside of 100 miles from Cleveland. Within that limit the regular fares will apply. Wherever passenger rates have recently been reduced from three to two cents per mile the convention rate is approximately the same as the rate of one fare for the round trip formerly granted on the basis of three cents per mile.

Dates of sale in the territory of the Central Passenger Association will be June 26 to July 2, with corresponding dates in trunk line territory.

Application for extension of tickets for return to September 1 has been granted, and also for arrangements by which the validation of the return portion of the ticket shall be limited to members of the association.

The Transcontinental Passenger Association has granted a round trip rate of \$72.50 from California, Oregon and north Pacific coast points to Chicago, Ill.—from California points, \$67.50 to St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans—with ten days limit on the going trip and ninety days from date of sale for the final return limit. From St. Louis and Chicago to Cleveland and return the one and one-half fare granted by the Central Passenger Association will apply, and may be made available from point of starting.

The dates of sale from California points will be June 22-28, inclusive; from north Pacific coast points, June 19 and 20.

St. Paul, Minn. Five vacation schools have been authorized by the board of education to be conducted under the direction of Supt. Heeter. Each school will consist of an outdoor nursery, a kindergarten, a primary department and an intermediate department. Each of the teachers employed will receive a salary of \$10 per month. The sum of \$650 has been appropriated from the school funds and will be supplemented by contributions from the civic association.

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FIRE PROTECTION OF SCHOOLS. By John W. Rose, State Factory Inspector for Michigan.

The terrible holocaust at Collinwood, Ohio, has brought the need of fire protection in schoolhouses to the forefront. As the Iroquois Theater calamity resulted in revolutionizing the construction of nearly every theater in the country, so the fire at Collinwood should result in revolutionizing the construction of school buildings. Today everyone is anxious to learn the most approved methods of fire protection as applied to schoolhouses, and is more than willing to carry out all practical sugges-

Corresponding Duty.

Upon you, directly in charge of the schools, this opportunity brings a corresponding duty, and the opportunity will hold you responsible in the future for any loss of life by fire in the schools. At the present time the iron is hot, and you must strike immediately. Now the question is, what shall we do? I will discuss this under two heads. First, how to remedy the defects in buildings now constructed, and second, how to build new buildings. Many of the suggestions that I make under the first head will be alike applicable to new buildings.

Under the first head I would say that the allimportant consideration is to minimize the risk of combustion. Do not allow papers, refuse and inflammable material to accumulate in any part of the building. Do not allow the janitor to store waste paper in the basement for starting fires or for the purpose of selling. Many fires originate from these sources, and could have been absolutely avoided, at no expense, by a little precaution.

The Janitor.

In this connection I would say that much depends upon the janitor, and you should see

that only competent men are employed. Do not allow this position to be used as a place to pension men who can do nothing else. If a man can hold no other position, many think that he should be made janitor of a school building, and oftentimes the district pays the pension by loss of life or property. Every janitor should be a strong, able-bodied man, ready to meet any emergency and to act quickly and intelligently. Often he is the only man about the building, and you should not trust him with the lives of hundreds of children when you would not trust him to look after your own furnace.

Next, see that your janitor obeys orders, and if he does not, then give him his final orders and get one who will obey.

The Heating System.

In no case should you allow any building with more than one story to be heated by stoves. If you are heating two-story buildings by stoves, immediately begin agitation for a heating system in order that it may be installed before fall. When you are doing the work, do it for all time, and put the heating plant in a separate building. Then, if a fire should start, your building is not necessarily burned. In selecting a system be careful that your heating conductors are not also flues for conducting a fire. Many buildings have burned to the ground within a few minutes because of the fire following the hot air flues and instantly spreading to all parts of the building. I know of one instance where within about three minutes after the alarm was given the roof fell in. The rapidity with which this fire spread was due entirely to the system of heating used.

If the heating system is already in your building, and it is not practical to remove it, see that it is kept in the best possible condition. Adequate Exits.

See that all exits are adequate and that all doors swing outward, as the law requires. All doors should be kept unlocked during school hours. If your instructions to keep them unlocked cannot be enforced, you had better remove the locks. All double doors should be opened by a lever, so that they can both be opened instantly by one motion. In frosty weather have your doors opened each day. Your stairs should be wide and your doorways should be as wide as your stairs. your stairs are not steep. . See that the treads are wide and that the risers are not over five and one-half or six inches, and that there is nothing to trip or delay an individual or a crowd.

From every room there should be two ways of reaching the outside. If one stairway is cut off there should be another avenue of escape. If your building is two stories in height and your exits and fire protection are not of the best, see that outside iron fire escapes are immediately installed and see that they are always kept ready for instant use. Do not be so afraid of burglars that you end the steps of fire escapes ten feet or more from the ground. The stairs on every fire escape should touch the ground. Children dropping any considerable distance are in danger of their lives, and often will, if required to jump any distance, refuse to take the risk, shutting off the way of egress for those still in the building. Ladders should not be used on any escapes. Small children and girls will oftentimes risk the danger of fire rather than go down a ladder. The stairs should run at an angle of not less than 45 degrees, and all landings should not only be safe, but so constructed that the most timid child would not fear to trust himself upon it.

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Last, but by no means least, see that every room in every building has fire drills, no matter how good protection you may have in every respect. With all the precaution you may devise buildings will burn, and then the fire drill is everything. The building to which I called your attention, in which the roof fell within three minutes after the alarm was given, contained 400 or 500 children, ranging from the lowest to the sixth grade, and not a life was lost nor a person injured. The fire drill was all that saved the majority of the children.

Under the second head, I would say that you should guard against all of the don'ts that I have suggested above. Make the buildings as near fireproof as you can. Cement and tile floors and stairways are cheaper than additional insurance, and besides may save many precious lives. Build no buildings more than two stories in height.

An Ideal System.

Where the city is not too large, a central building for the higher grades, with one-story buildings in the outlying sections for the lower grades, is the ideal system. The best talent in

planning your school buildings is the cheapest, not only in the cost of construction, but in the protection against fire and the loss of life. Simply because a man can build a good looking house or a store building, he is not necessarily competent to plan a school building. No school house should be built solely as an ornament to the city; better a plain building, with the best sanitation and protection against fire.

Some eastern cities require a fireman to be stationed in every school building during school This is not practical in small cities, but, I think, is to be commended in every instance where possible. Are not the lives of our children of as much value as our own? Again, they cannot protect themselves as can older people. There is hardly a theater where there is not one or more firemen on duty. We should stop to realize that every day there are a larger number of children in many school buildings in our state than are gathered on a business basis, and the business men in charge and the insurance companies usually enforce much better fire protection than is known in some of our schoolhouses. If firemen are considered necessary for our theaters, why not for our schoolhouses ?

The loss of property and lives by fire in this country is appalling, and is far in excess of anything in Europe. We are far behind other nations in our protection against fire. We should build for the future and for what is cheapest in the end. We should not look at the matter entirely from a financial standpoint, but should remember that we have in our custody the keeping of thousands of little lives that are more precious than all the money in the world. - Address.

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For Fire Protection.

(Concluded from Page 15) That the fire alarm gongs be provided with the proper device to permit of their being rung from all floors and from the cellar as well, and that the janitor be instructed in the proper use of same.

That the janitors be required to be in constant attendance during school sessions, and that they be provided with a means of instant communication from the cellar to the office of the principal, and, finally,

That the board of education insist on the practice of the fire drill at proper intervals, and that where schools have a number of exits the pupils be taught by a prearranged gong signal to use the various exits; the object being to direct the pupils to the most available exit or exits in case of fire.

Supt. R. E. Rayman of East Liverpool, Ohio, has notified the board of education that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Rayman has had charge of the East Liverpool schools seventeen years, with remarkable suc-

Supt. W. J. Bickett has been re-elected by the Rahway board of education. Mr. Bickett's tenure of office will continue indefinitely during good behavior and efficiency. If any question should arise thereto it will be decided by the state board of education. Mr. Bickett's salary was increased to \$3,000 in recognition of the value of his services.

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German-American Teachers' Association.

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Dr. A. Hoelper, New York—Reform Movements.

Prof. Ernst Voss, Ph. D., Madison, Wis.— The Public School of a Modern Republic, a Training School for Practical Idealists.

Emil Kramer, Cincinnati, O.—The Training of the Teacher and His Further Self-Culture.

A. Werner Spanhoofd, Washington, D. C.— Psychological Foundations of the Methods of Modern Language Instruction.

Prof. James Daft Hatfield, Ph. D., Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.—German and Anglo-Saxon Relations in America.

Ernst L. Wolf, St. Louis, Mo.—Means of Instruction in Modern Language Teaching.

A special feature of the convention will be an exhibition of means of instruction, text books and other publications relating to the teaching of modern languages. Publishers of this country, Germany and France, have been invited to participate and have responded most readily. More than 2,000 articles have so far been received. This exhibition will be of great benefit to the cause of modern language teaching and will help to modernize that phase of our school curriculum, especially, as it is to remain intact in Milwaukee, at the National German-American Teachers' Seminary, and will be made accessible to those interested also in the future. A catalogue will be published,

stating publisher and price of each article exhibited.

Amongst the entertainments offered at the convention, the most notable is a performance of Goethe's "Iphigenie auf Tauris," to be given by members of the German stock company of the Pabst theater of Milwaukee. This company stands foremost among the stock companies of the country and an artistic treat may be anticipated.

The chairman of the local executive committee is Leo Stern, assistant superintendent of the public schools of Milwaukee. All communications regarding rates and accommodations should be addressed to Mr. Stern.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAWING.

The American Institute of Normal Methods has announced its eighteenth annual session, to be held July 7 to 24 at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and at the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

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courses in high school subjects, including musical appreciation and musical analysis, special courses for graduates of the school and for other advanced students. In the departments of drawing and penmanship thorough preparation is given for the specialist's work in public schools and academies. The institute is the oldest and best equipped school of its kind in the United States. The training it offers fits teachers to use any material and any textbooks.

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Edited, with notes and introduction, by H. W. Eve, M. A. 180 pages. Price, 50 cents. G. P. Putnam & Sons, New York.

This little book will be of value to advanced students of French. The editor gives in the introduction a condensed history of the early life of Victor Hugo, a dissertation on the romantic school in French literature, Victor Hugo's dramas, and his life and other literary works from 1827 to 1850. In pointing out some of Hugo's defects, the editor says: "Another defect is his want of accuracy, often amounting to real ignorance. He had had an irregular education and was a mere schoolboy when he began to write. He had no academic training, nor does he appear, though he read widely, to have made up for it by systematic study. Thus, in matters of history, philosophy and especially science, he is constantly betrayed into absurdities. Even the names he gives to English characters are openly ridiculous, in spite of his long residence on English soil."

There are one hundred and nine pages of his poetry, supplemented with seventy pages of notes.

Socialists at Work.

By Robert Hunter. 367 pages. The Macmillan Company, New York, Chicago.

In the preface of this work the author claims a worldwide activity for socialism "breaking through the barriers of language, nationality and religion." It proposes to give the realm

of progress of socialistic ideas in Germany, Italy, France, England and Belgium. Thinking people will remember that from the ranks of socialists come many anarchists. and also that socialism drifts into hostility and finally disowns religion. Socialism de-nies Christian dogma and condemns Christian worship, and its adherents attack the church, and aim at its suppression and the suppression of Christianity. Humanitarianism is the religion of socialism. There is another peculiar feature which socialism does not deal with. Everybody is to be elevated. everything is to be ideal (by a disregard of mine and thine), but no socialistic agitator or writer, as far as we know, has ever pointed out to the masses who those unfortunates among them are to be, and must be, who will have of necessity to perform the more degrading and repulsive occupations. But perhaps in that happy time there will be no need of garbage plants or no unclean sew-ers, and every body will

subsist on preserved rose leaves and angel cake.

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TEXT BOOK NEWS.

(Continued from page 14.)

Huntington, W. V. Joynes-Meissner's German Grammar, D. C. Heath & Co., has just been adopted for use in the public schools.

The board of education of Utica, N. Y., has adopted Builders of our Country, Books 1 and 2, for exclusive use in the history work of the fifth and sixth grades. The pupils purchase the books.

Laird & Lee have just issued a new edition of their popular "Webster's Modern Dictionary-Handy Edition." The new book is bound in an attractive steel gray cover and contains 416 pages. Diacritical markings have been placed in the book to make it correspond with "Webster's Standard Series," published by the same firm. Unusually large, clear type is used in this edition, which is listed at 20c per copy.

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"Well, boys, where have you been all afternoon?" asked the father of two of the party that evening.

The answer came back with joyous promptness: "Oh, pop! Teacher took us to a dead circus."



Practicing.

The principal had observed a little fellow loafing about street corners on several occasions, and took him to task for it.

"My boy," he finally said, "when you see a man loafing around a street corner, what is he fitting himself for?"

"To be a policeman," answered the boy.

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Professor: "Wir ton-nen alfo mit Berechtigung annehmen, daß un= fere Borfahren affenar= tig auf Bäumen lebten, allmählich jedoch hernie= berftiegen, ben aufrechten Bang annahmen und fich nach und nach ju ben höchftstehender Beichöpf= en diefer Erbe entwidelt= en - Müller! was find alfo die Menfchen?

Schüler: "Berunter= getommene Affen!

A Jolt for Father.

He had been calling at the fashionable boarding school to see his beautiful daughter, and as he was leaving he paused to say a few words to the principal.

"Madame," he impressively remarked, "I owe you much for the manner in which you have reared my dear child since she has been under your care. When I see how innocent and demure she is I feel that I have indeed done wisely in placing her in your charge."

"Yes," responded the pleased principal, "and how proud you must be to be the father of such a large and devoted family."

"Large! Devoted!" cried the old man. "I don't understand you."

"Devoted to each other," returned the principal. "No fewer than seven of Della's brothers have been here during the last three weeks to take her out automobiling, and she is expecting another tomorrow."

What Adam Was.

"Willie," said the teacher, "form a sentence in which you use the first person."

"Adam lived in the garden of Eden," replied Willie promptly.

Commencement Scenes.

In senior badge and swallow-tail. With lots of things to say, The college boy his speech begins On graduation day.

He sweeps the whole great universe Into his little boat, He's "hitched his wagon to a star."

He's old enough to vote. But when he's hustled for his food He soon will sadly say

His education just began Upon "commencement" day.

Exchange.

"Tommy," said the teacher, reproachfully, "why didn't you take off your hat to me when you passed me yesterday?"

He Was Accurate.

"I didn't have my hat on, miss," replied the

"Don't tell me that. I saw you."

"I know you seen me, but you didn't see me hat. Dat wuz me brudder's hat I had on."

Stricken in Spirit.

Visiting School Man: "This city boasts a teachers' federation, doesn't it?"

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Commencement.

Behold, the wordy graduate Doth speak a little piece, While everybody in the hall Is longing for release.

No Laughing Matter.

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A teacher, one morning, observing the empty seat of a bright scholar, asked why he was absent. A boy answered:

"Won Lung, he velly sick."

"Well, what's the matter with him?"

"His father beat him plenty one time las' night-almost kill."

"The scoundrel! Why did he do it?"

"'Cause Won Lung he laugh loud when you cane him father yest'day."

A young teacher whose efforts to inculcate elementary anatomy had been unusually discouraging, at last asked in despair:

"Well, I wonder if any boy here can tell me what the spinal cord really is?"

She was met by a row of blank and irresponsive faces, till finally one small voice piped up in great excitement:

"The spinal cord is what runs through you. Your head sits on one end and you sit on the other."

Sunday-School Teacher: "What! Is it possible that you have never heard the story of Cain and Abel yet?"

Little Elsie: "Of course I haven't. mamma says it is bad manners to pry into other people's family affairs."

Superfluous.

Tomson: "I know a man that can speak fourteen different languages.'

Jonson: "I know him, too, but he can't say half as much as some men I know that can't speak anything but English."

First Professor: "A rhinoceros is a strange animal to study."

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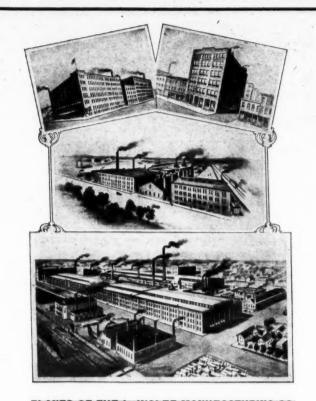
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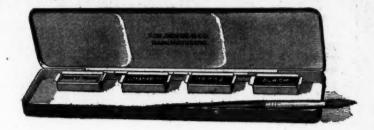
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The District, the Township and the County as a Unit for School Organization.

(Concluded from Page 3) ly as much wealth, conducts ten, and until a year ago had but eight. It is readily seen that the burdens of taxation are unequally distributed, and, I believe, unjustly distributed as well. In the face of this what becomes of "the long cherished American principle," as some one has been pleased to call it, the theory upon which our public schools are built, that the property of the state shall educate the youth of the state? Is it not rather more in keeping with the truth to say that the property of four sections shall educate the youth of these sections?

Equalization of the Burden.

It may seem almost like an insult to say that this district or that is too poor to educate its ewn youth, but such is the case. Taxes should be so levied that the rich and powerful must help to bear the burdens of the poor and the weak, regardless of the part of the county in which each may happen to reside. The only way that this can be done successfully is to make the county the unit for school purposes.

If it be urged against this that a man is thus made to pay for something from which he gets no direct benefit, I answer that the district plan does the same thing. Has not every district, and certainly every township, some family or families who are unable to pay for the education of their own children? Is not the wealthy man in that case made to pay for the education of his less fortunate neighbor's children?

Many districts are too poor to pay a first class teacher for a full year's service, and are compelled to content themselves with a low grade teacher, or with a short term of school. Some schools are having nine months each year, while others have but six. In many cases

the one having but six months is paying as high a rate of taxes as the one having nine months, and even higher in some cases. This condition could not prevail under the county system.

If education is important, if it is to the advantage of the state to educate the children of the state at all, is it not quite as important that the children of the poorer districts be well educated as it is that the children of the more fortunate districts be so educated? I maintain that it is even more important, for in the battle of life these poorer ones, cramped and hampered and held down by poverty, are more likely to yield to temptation and enter into crime and become a menace to the state. They need looking after, but the little debt-burdened, poverty-stricken, independent district cannot always do it to advantage.

The burdens of taxation are unequally distributed. In many cases they seem unjustly distributed, as well, under either the district or township plan. The adoption of the county as a unit for taxation will remove this objection almost wholly and will add many desirable features to our school system. If conditions do not at present actually demand a change to the county system, they are such that they will readily admit of it.

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COMING CONVENTIONS.

June 17-19, West Virginia State Educational Association at Elkins, W. Va.

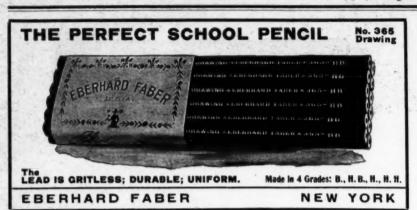
June 24-26, Maryland State Teachers' Association at Ocean City, Md. Sarah E. Richmond, chairman executive committee, Balti-

July 6-8 Tennessee State Teachers' Association at Monteagle; P. L. Harned, secretary, Clarksville, Tenn.

July 6-9, annual meeting Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association at State College, Pa.

July 22-23. Country Teachers' association of Illinois, Macomb. Mabel Carney pres., Macomb; Alma Bertholf, sec'y, Rushville. Sept. 23-26, International Congress on Moral

Education, at London, England.



TRADE SCHOOLS STUDIED BY NEW YORK BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The board of education of New York City recently appointed a committee to investigate trade schools, with the idea of ascertaining whether they could be established as part of the public school system of the city. This committee is now formulating a set of questions to be sent to manufacturers to ascertain what trades might best be developed in these public trade schools.

Dr. James P. Haney, secretary of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, was requested to prepare for this committee a report on vocational and industrial schools such as might be established as part of the city's public school system. Massachusetts Commission on Industrial Education found, upon investigation, that there are some 25,000 children in that state, between the ages of 14 and 16 years, who have left school and who are drifting from one trade to another vainly seeking to gain a foothold. "From this it might be inferred," says Dr. Haney, in his report, "that the most important part of the entire question of trade teaching dealt with pupils between the ages named. In reality, the question is one which should deal with the pupil before the age of fourteen, for unless the latter has received some definite vocational interest and bent before he reaches the limits of his compulsory schooling, he leaves the elementary school without inclination, insight or training in any of the things which make for a successful adoption and pursuit of a vocation. While, therefore, it is emphasized that trade teaching, as such, is not to be thought of before the age of sixteen, preparatory vocational training must be a necessary preliminary to the development of what may be termed the clientele of the trade school.

"This preparatory vocational work it is entirely possible to organize in the seventh and eighth years of the elementary schools and in the two years immediately succeeding, i. e., from the thirteenth to the sixteenth years inclusive. One plan would be to set aside certain of the elementary schools throughout the city as centers in which this teaching might be given in the seventh and eighth years. A suggestive program of work would change the curriculum now in vogue, by the omission of certain subjects (music, etc.), the simplifying of others (mathematics, history, geography), and the immediate application of these subjects to the needs of the prospective artisan. The time gained might be given in part to the study of industrial drawing, and in still greater measure, to the development of skill of hand and knowledge of tools through constructive work in wood and metal.

"To complete the scheme it will be necessary that there be organized in addition to these preparatory vocational schools of the elementary grade, other schools to which the pupil of the age of fourteen might go for an additional two years to pursue still further his practice of tool manipulation. This second

suggestion comtemplates the organization of vocational secondary schools for pupils between the age of fourteen and sixteen which might offer courses developing in a similar, but more extended, way the subjects already begun in the elementary vocational schools.

"It would be necessary in those secondary schools to differentiate the departments of instruction to the end that the student might elect to pursue his vocational work along lines of joinery, and carpentry, or machine shop practice, electrical work, plumbing and gas fitting, or fresco and house painting, etc.

"In as large a city as is New York, it may

be safely asserted that a number of employers will be found entirely prepared to accept willingly, even eagerly, graduates of a school of the type indicated, and to advance them more rapidly in their apprenticeship than it would be possible to promote the untaught and unskilled applicant who enters the trade with no definite knowledge or insight into its processes, and no training preparing him to adapt himself readily to the different forms of work required of the learner.

"The immediate co-ordination between school and employers is a necessary part of the plan proposed, which offers the double advantage of directly interesting a large number of practical men in the work of the schools and of presenting to the pupil the stimulus which comes from a knowledge that, as a graduate, he will be put immediately in the way of entering on his chosen vocation under conditions more favorable than could otherwise be the case."

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

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"A Triple Alliance in Optics" is the title of a booklet describing the business association formed by the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, Carl Zeiss, Optical Works, Jena, and

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Mr. Herbert H. Hammond, for the past five years secretary and sales manager of the Standard Electric Time Company, for New England, except Connecticut, and for the territory along the New York Central lines, recently resigned to accept the position of Manager of the Electric Time Department of the Dey Time Register Company, Syracuse, N. Y. This Company will manufacture complete Program Clock systems for schools and factories, and will specialize particularly the synchronizing of Time Registering Clocks from a fine, self-winding Master Regulator.

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Teachers' Pension Funds.

The aim of the pension fund is to enable teachers to withdraw from active service at such a time as is clearly in their interest and for the good of the service. It is pathetic for a teacher of waning strength to be compelled to continue teaching for pecuniary reasons. Teaching is an exacting work and the constant tension is destructive of nervous energy. There is implanted in everyone the impulse to work; the joy of work is to the aged one of life's greatest joys. In consequence the teacher of advanced years is not always a safe judge in matters affecting his own relation to the service. The pension is essentially philanthropic in its appeal, but it is something more than that; it is protective in its nature and has an eye clearly on the good of the service and in the interest of the children. It is justified primarily on this basis. It affords a means for improving the service and for making the schools worth more to the children, without rendering great hardships to any teacher. As a philanthropy, teachers may hardly be justified in accepting it; as a mode of making possible better schools, it is worthy of fullest recognition.—Supt. W. H. Elson, Cleveland, Report.

Texas Cancels Contracts.

The Texas state textbook board has cancelled the contract for the adoptions of the Maury elementary geography, Maury's manual of geography, and Maury-Simmons' physical geography, published by the American Book Company. In doing so, the board abided by the report of the attorney general, in which the company is held to be a trust under the Texas laws. Bids for books to replace those thrown out will be received up to July 1.

Add Art Department.

Scott, Foresman & Co. have announced the organization of a drawing and manual arts department of their business, under the direction of Mr. William S. Mack. The department will offer art instruction books and materials, and will seek to make itself useful to teachers and to schools beyond that which it may have for sale.

Novel Waste Basket.

Few duties are more annoying to a hard working janitor than the sweeping up of bits of paper which fall through the bottom of the ordinary willow or wire waste basket. The bits cling to the floor tenaciously and frequently must be picked up separately.

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Class Gifts.

The Boston Sculpture Company has issued a list of plaster casts and pictures, which it recommends for class gifts. A copy will be mailed to school officials who address the firm at Melrose, Mass.

Vacation Schools.

It is becoming to be more and more recognized that the responsibility of the city for the restraint, control and education of its children is not limited to the forty weeks of the school year. In most large cities there are thousands of children that spend the ten weeks of the summer vacation at home. Much of their waking time is spent, as it ought to be, out of doors. In the absence of useful occupation and the direction of their sports, and without playgrounds in which they may resort, they roam the streets in aimless idleness. It is not strange that they get into mischief, that they trespass on the rights of property holders, that vicious habits are formed, and that their moral status falls far below what it might otherwise be. For these reasons school authorities and all others interested in social betterment are everywhere doing what they can to control the activities of children during vacation periods, and to give useful directions thereto. Whatever concerns children, either in school at work, or at play, is a subject of public interest and activity. Just now playgrounds for children are re-ceiving special attention. Play is the normal occupation of childhood. It is recognized that play, properly supervised and directed, has an educational and an ethical as well as

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Why Contagious Diseases Are So Quickly Transmitted in Schoolrooms

EDUCATORS are rapidly coming to a realization of the fact that "dust" is the principal cause of disease transmission among school-children. The floors in schoolrooms are bare, and when large number of the control of bers of pupils are assembled the constant motion of feet produces a continuous circumotion of feet produces a continuous circulation of dust. From tests made with dust collected from schoolrooms and other places of public assembly, it has been found that with the dust were uncountable myriads of disease germs—bacilli of Tuberculosis, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Pneumonia and other dangerous diseases.

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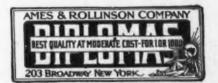
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ARIZONA

Tucson — Archts. Holmes Bros. have plans for 3-story science building; \$40,000. Bisbee—School trustees propose to issue bonds for high school and addition to Lowell

ARKANSAS.

Traskwood-Archt. G. W. Ashby, Chicago, Ill., has plans for school. CALIFORNIA.

Lemongrove—Archts. Kennedy & Crane, San Diego, are preparing plans for 2-story school. Los Angeles—Annex will be built to Fourteenth street school. Riverside— School will be erected. Fowler— Grammar school will be erected. Woodland—School will be erected. Los Angeles-Estimates are being prepared for proposed high school. Grass Valley—Citizens propose to erect new school; \$5,000.

COLORADO.

Canyon City—Archt. G. W. Rose, Pueblo, has plans for remodeling Washington school; \$10,000. Breck-enridge—School will be erected;

CONNECTICUT.

Tolland-School will be erected. GEORGIA.

Greensboro—\$15,000, bonds, issued for school. Douglasville—Propose erection of school.

IDAHO.

Wallace—Addition will be built to school. Troy—Plans are being prepared for 2-story school; \$12,000. ILLINOIS.

Morrison-Archts. Hyde & Blood, Sterling, are preparing plans for remodeling school; \$18,000. Bridge-port—Archts. Bullard & Bullard, Springfield, are preparing plans for 2-story school; \$25,000. Barry—3-story bleb school will be erected: story high school will be erected; Two-story school to cost Princeton—Archt. J. P. \$20,000. Bryant is preparing plans for ad-Chicago-Parochial school dition. will be erected; cost, including church, \$100,000. St. Ignatius Colerect academy for boys lege Sheridan road. Washington-Propose erection of school. Lexing--School will be erected. Green--Plans have been prepared for school. East Waterford—2-story school will be erected. Kankakee— Archt. C. D. Henry is preparing plans for 1-story school. Malden— Archt. J. P. Bryant, Princeton, is preparing plans for 2-story and 4room school. Macon—Archt. Wm. F. Gubbins, Chicago, is preparing plans for school; \$4,000. Oglesby—Archt. P. O. Moratz, Bloomington, is making plans for school. Urbana -School will be erected; \$15,000.



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Adams—Archt. Henry Duncan is preparing plans for 2-story school. Richmond — Archt. John A. Hase-Richmond—Archt. John A. Hasecoster is preparing plans for 1story school; \$5,000. LaFontaine—
School will be erected. Huntington
—School will be erected. Tangier
—4-room school will be erected.
Wheatland—2-story school will be
erected. Marble—Archt. C. H.
Houck Bluffon is preparing plans erected. Marble -- Archt. C. H. Houck, Blufton, is preparing plans for 1-story school. Woodland—Archts. Freyermuth & Maurer, South Bend, have plans for 1-story school: \$4,000. Markleville-Archt. Henry Duncan, Anderson, has plans for 2-story school; \$10,000. West Terre Haute-Archt. R. A. Bradley, Indianapolis, has plans for 2-story school; \$30,000. New Winchester— Archts. Herbert L. Bass & Co., Indianapolis, have plans for 2-story school; \$16,000. Shelburn—School will be erected; \$16,000. Liberty— School will be erected.

IOWA.

Webster City—Archt. J. R. White has plans for 1-story school. Lat-ty—School will be erected, Jackson twp. Carroll-Archt. M. Heer, Dubuque, has plans for 3-story high school; \$60,000. Pulaski — School will be erected. Clearfield—Contract was let for school. Andover-School will be erected. Almont-School will be erected, Dist. No. 1, River twp. Bedford — Two schools will be erected.

KANSAS.

Abilene-Archt. W. A. Nethercott is preparing plans for central Kansas Business College; \$15,000. Neodosha—School will be erected.
Shawnee—School will be erected. Newton-Parochial school will be erected. Haskell-Manual training will be erected; \$10,000. Pierceville—School will be erected. Elevation—School will be rebuilt. Shattuck—\$16,000, bonds, voted for

KENTUCKY.

Louisville - Archts. Meyer Brenner have plans for 2-story col-lege building; \$20,000. West Covington—Parochial school will be erected; \$11,000. Franklin—\$18,000, bonds, voted for graded school.

LOUISIANA.

Milton—Contract was awarded for erecting 6-room school; \$33,000. awarded Homer-High school will be en-

MARYLAND.

Sandy Spring — Archt. T. C. Groomes, Rockville, has plans for 2-story high school. Baltimore— Two schools will be erected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Swampscott-2-room school will be erected. Lawrence — Addition will be built to parochial school. Housatonic-School will be erected. Fitchburg-Archts, H. M. Francis & have plans for remodeling high school.

MICHIGAN.

Mt. Pleasant — Archts. Fisher Bros., Pontiac, have plans for addito high school. Monroe— 00, bonds, issued for school \$80,000, bonds, purposes. Painesdale-High school is proposed, to cost \$75,000. Highwood—School will be erected. Vicksburg—School will be erected; \$26,000. Greenville-\$20,000 voted for high school. Coldwater-Contract was let for school. lett—Addition will be built. It berry—\$40,000, bonds, issued Has-Newschool.

MINNESOTA.

Brainerd—Parochial school will e erected. Winona—Archt. E. be erected. Winona—Archt. E. Brielmaier, Milwaukee, Wis., has plans for 2-story seminary; \$50,000. Springfield—Archt. F. D. Orff, Minneapolis, is preparing plans for 2story high school; \$40,000. Wright—School will be erected. Minnetonka-School will be erected; \$4,000. Redwood Falls-Contract was let

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MISSISSIPPI.

Vicksburg—Archt. M. J. Donovan has prepared plans for colored Catholic school. Eupora—\$10,000, bonds, voted for schoolhouse.

MISSOURI.
Springfield — Archts. Reed Heckenlively have plans for 2-story school; \$20,000. Aurora—Archt. H. H. Hohenschild, Rolla, has plans for high school; \$26,000. Frankford-Archt. Ernest Schmitt, Hannibal, is preparing plans for 2-story school; \$10,000. Oronogo—Archts. Garstang & Rea, Joplin, have plans 4-room school.

Groves-Two schools will be erected. St. Louis—Archt. J. J. Senglar has plans for 3-story school. Palmyra-Archt. Malcom S. Martin has plans for remodeling Washington school. Amoret—Propose erection of school. Ferguson—Archt. W. E. Trueblood, St. Louis, is preparing plans for 2-story school. Springfield—St. De Chantal Academy of Visitation will erect 3-story build-

NEBRASKA.

Newman Grove-Archt. J. C. Stitt, Norfolk, has plans for 8-room school. Hastings-College building will be erected. Valentine-Addition will be built. Atkinson-\$10,000, bonds, issued for addition to high school. Holstein-Archt. M. N. Bair, Hastings, is preparing plans for 2-story school; \$5,500.

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Rome-\$55,000, bonds, voted for LeRoy-High school will be erected; \$60,000.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Creedmoor-Archt. Hill C. Linthicum. Durham, has plans for 2-story school; \$8,000

NORTH DAKOTA

Wyndmere—School will be erect-l. Eckelson—Addition will be built. Bridgewater-8-room school will be erected. Oriska—4-room school will be erected. Graber— School will be erected, dist. No. 3. Oakdale—School will be erected. Belfield—School will be erected.
McVill—4-room school will be erected.
Beach—School will be Halliday—Two schools erected. will be erected.
OHIO.

Dover Center—Assoc. Archts. H. O. Wurmser & F. E. Elliott, Lorain, plans for centralized school; 00. West Milton—Archt. El-\$25,000. mer L. Gerber, Dayton, will pre-pare plans for school. Oakharbor— Archts. H. O. Wurmser & F. E. Elliott, Lorain, have plans for 16-room high school Greenville-Archts. Jackson & Son have plans for school. Pittsburg—Archts. Jackson & Son; Greenville, have plans for 2-room school, Monroe twp. Solon—Archt. F. H. Smith, Ashtabula, has plans for 2-story school; \$15,000. Ironton—Archt. J. R. Gieske, Ceredo, W. Va., is pre-paring plans for 2-story school. Avon—Assoc. Archts. Wurmser & Elliott, Lorain, have plans for grade school; \$11,000. Port Clinton—High school will be erected. Trinway—1-room. school will be erected. Nelson Center—Addition will be built. Toledo-Archt. W. R. Dowling is preparing sketches for parochial school. Sandusky-Archt. H. A. Millott is preparing plans for parochial school. Ottoville-Addition will be built to school. Stryker-School will be erected, Springfield twp.

OKLAHOMA.

Erick-8-room school will be erected; \$15,000.

OREGON.

Portland-Archt, T. J. Jones has completed plans for school. Gresham—5-room school will be erect-ed. Hood River—Archts. P. M. Hall-Lewis & Co. will prepare plans for 2-story school. Cornellus— School will be erected; \$9,000. Al-bina—Contract was let for Home-Gladstonestead school. -Archt. P. C. Browne has plans for 8-room school; \$15,000.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Duncott-4-room addition will be built for Primrose school. Hazel-

ton-Archt. Owen McGlynn, Wilkesbarre, has plans for addition to school; \$15,000. Middleburg—Archt. J. F. Stetler & Son are preparing for 4-room school; \$10,000. Archbald-School will be erected, Miller street. North Bethlehem— 2-story school will be erected; \$18,000. Pittsburg—Archt. F. H. De Arment has plans for high school, 43d ward; \$20,000. Duryea— 8-room school will be erected. Versailles—Addition will be built.

RHODE ISLAND.

Phillipsdale—Propose erection of chool. Exeter—Plans have been school. approved for three buildings, School for Feeble-Minded.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Loris-School will be erected; Rowesville—Citizens voted busly to establish high \$7.000. unanimously unanimously to establish high school. Fairfax—Archt. G. Lloyd Preacher, Augusta, Ga., will receive bids for 2-story school; \$7,000.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Redfield-High School will be erected; \$20,000.

TENNESSEE.

White Bluff—Contract was let for chool. Antioch—Site has been selected for high school. Memphis-Three schools will be erected. Ripley-County high school will be

TEXAS.

Prairie View-3-story school will be built. Tyler—Administration building will be erected. Dessau— Propose erection of school; \$15,000. Buda—School will be erected; \$10,-Tulia-3-story school will be erected.

Castle Dale—Academy building ill be erected. Springville—High will be erected. Springville—High school will be erected; \$23,000. Lo-gan—Contract was let for school, 5th ward. Salt Lake City-Site has been selected for high school.

VERMONT.
Rutland — Archts. Jackson & Brown, New York City, have com pleted plans for addition to high school; \$35,000.

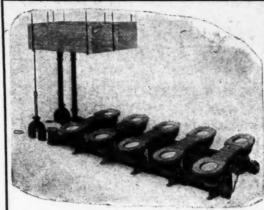
VIRGINIA

Lynchburg - Virginia Christian College will expend \$50,000 for new buildings. Del Ray-Archt. A. Sonnermann has plans for addition.
Virginia Beach — Plans will be
drawn for school, 17th St. Appomattox—School will be erected, to cost \$10,000. Tazewell-School will erected; \$18,000. Lexington-High school will be erected. Varina—Archt. Chas. Robinson will prepare plans for school; \$8,000.

WASHINGTON.

Tenino-Archt. C. E. Troutman. Aberdeen, has plans for 2-story school. Mold—School will be erect-Lind—School will be erected.
WEST VIRGINIA.

Loveland-Archt. Chas. McCarthy has plans for school.



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Bell Plaine-School will be erected. Marinette-2-story school will Mukwonago-School be erected. Mukwonago—School will be erected. Athens—2-story school will be erected. Brussels—School will be erected, dist. No. 3. Westboro—Two schools will be erected. Lake Geneva—Contract was let for school. Cornell—School will be erected. dist. No. 2. Greenfield—Archt. J. Roth, Milwaukee, is preparing plans for 1-story kee, is preparing plans for 1-story school. Antigo—School will be erected.

CANADA.

Daysland—Archt. R. W. Lines has plans for school. Humboldt, Sask .- Archt. W. W. La Chance, Saskatoon, has prepared plans for 4-room school. Oxbow, Sask.— Tenders were received for con-struction of school. Lethbridge, Alta.-12-room school will be erect-

Winnipeg, Man,-Addition will oe built. Gorrie—School will be erected. Oakville, Ont. — High school will be built. Chapman & erected. Chapman & McGiffin, Archts. Craik, Sask.— Archts. Storey & Van Egmond, Regina, Sask., have plans for 4-room school. Portage La Prairie, Man.-Manual training school for boys will be erected. Minnedosa—Plans been received for 6-room d. Ft. William, Ont.—4-room school. Ft. William, Ont.—4-room school will be erected. Nelson, B. C.—Archt. Alex. Carrie has plans for school. Glen Ewen, Sask.—2-room school will be erected. Glen Valley, Sask.—School will be built, Wellington school district. Lloydmington Saka School will be minster, Sask. — School will be erected. Riding Mountain, Man.-School will be erected, Kenilworth School Dist. No. 1439. Woodstock-\$20,000 will be requested to replace Delatre street school.

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The foregoing statements are taken from text books now in use. Earlier and more gro-tesque inaccuracies and extravagances have not been quoted because both publishers and authors have been trying of late to break away from the temptation to overstate.-W. H. Allen in June Atlantic.

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The school board of Jacksonville, Ill., has revised its salary schedule to provide that the pay of principals range from \$80 to \$100 per month, dependent upon professional training.

Youngstown, O. The board of education has increased the annual salary of teachers in the service \$50. Janitors will receive an

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San Francisco, Cal. The schedule of teachers' salaries has been revised to increase the pay of each teacher between 10 and 12 per cent. The addition to the pay roll will amount to \$115,000 for the next year. The board has also ordered that seniority departmental teachers shall be established according to experience in teaching done in San Francisco schools. Outside experience will not be counted.

The school board of Sioux City, Iowa, has adopted the "twelve payments plan" for distributing the salaries of its teachers. Onetwelfth of each teacher's annual wage will be paid her at the end of every school month. If re-employed, the eleventh installment will be paid at the end of the school year and the twelfth installment will be withheld until the first week after the school re-opens. Teachers who are not re-employed at the end of the year will immediately receive the eleventh and twelfth payments. Such as resign after August first, and such as fail to enter upon the succeeding year's duty will forfeit one-half of

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